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TOWN OFFICERS, EAST BRIDGEWATER, 1879.

Town Clerk.
FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer.
ISAAC N. NUTTER.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.
JOSHUA DEAN. EZRA KINGMAN CHARLES H. GOSS.

School Committee.
E. W. NUTTER. F. S. STRONG. L. W. RICHARDS. R. O. HARRIS.

Auditors.
GEORGE ALLEN. R. O. HARRIS.

Constables.
W. M. JUDKINS. JOHN H. SCRIBNER. E. C. BENNETT.
T. S. H. ROUNSEVILLE.

Field Drivers.
H. C. MACAULY. ELIAB WHITMAN.

Pound Keeper.
MELVIN CROOKER.

Surveyors of Highways.

District No. 1.	W. M. JUDKINS.	District No. 6.	ELIAB LATHAM.
" No. 2.	EZRA F. SAMPSON.	" No. 7.	MARK P. HUDSON.
" No. 3.	ISAAC BROWN.	" No. 8.	JOTHAM HICKS.
" No. 4.	MELVIN CROOKER.	" No. 9.	FRANCIS HAYWARD.
" No. 5.	ELEAZER WHITMAN.	" No. 10.	CALEB GOSS.

Fence Viewers.
SAMUEL KEITH. GALEN WILLIS. HENRY GURNEY.
ALLEN WASHBURN.

Weighers of Coal.
K. E. SHELDON. JOHN E. WATERMAN.

Wood Measurers.
J. E. WATERMAN. JOHN REED.

Measurers of Lumber.
CHARLES H. GOSS. LUTHER CHURCHILL, Jun. HENRY GURNEY.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.
H. A. GROW.

Sexton.
M. L. WEBBER.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

Liabilities.

Outstanding orders drawn by school committee	$1,124 65
Outstanding orders drawn by selectmen	280 93
Due the town of Scituate for aid to the family of Leander Osborne	82 50
	$1,488 08

Assets.

Amount due from Commonwealth for State aid, 1879,	$974 50
Amount allowed and due from Commonwealth for State aid, 1878	58 00
Amount due from Commonwealth for military aid, 1879	154 00
Bills due in hands of Superintendent of Almshouse,	21 00
Amount paid for board of Hannah Dunn in Taunton Lunatic Hospital, and expenses to Jan. 1, 1879, and secured by the purchase of Jeremiah Dunn's estate	485 18
Cash in treasury	675 31
	$2,367 99
Balance in favor of the town	879 91

STATE AID.

Paid from Feb. 1, 1879, to Feb. 1, 1880.

Harriet Eddy	$48 00
Sarah B. Gould	48 00
Sarah C. Hudson	48 00
Betsey A. Hale	48 00
Mary Hudson	48 00
Harriet F. McCarter	48 00
Mary S. Ripley	48 00
Lydia A. Sylvester	48 00
Thankful O. Trow	48 00
Eunice S. Bryant	48 00
Eldridge Winsor	72 00
Charles L. Jones	72 00
Edmund W. Nutter	72 00
Sophronia Carter	48 00
Lydia A. Hale	48 00
Jane Leonard	48 00
Perez Williams	68 00
Barzillia F. Ellis	27 00
Harriet Vosmus	8 00
Thomas H. Cook	31 50
	$974 50

AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS WHO SERVED ON THE QUOTA OF EAST BRIDGEWATER IN THE LATE WAR.

Joseph M. Whitman of East Bridgewater	$58 00
William Shaw of East Bridgewater	64 00
Amount carried forward	$122 00

Amount brought forward	$122 00
Josiah E. Reynolds of East Bridgewater	96 00
Charles D. Hatch of Natick	66 00
Ferender C. Negus of Fall River	24 00
	$308 00

One-half this amount to be refunded by the State.

INCIDENTALS.

E. Latham, repairs on road, 1878	$4 00
Spencer Leonard, fish committee	8 25
South Abington referees' bill	7 50
Albert J. Wright, printing report	87 30
Walter L. Benson, use of team to E. Kingman	8 25
Hosea Kingman, services in Dunn suit	30 60
W. H. Osborne, services Edson and Curran cases	28 25
E. Kingman, fares and stationery	15 50
E. Kingman, expense to Needham	3 00
W. L. Benson, use of team, taking valuation	11 50
E. W. Nutter, for team for committee	1 75
B. Everson, sawing boards	3 47
George H. Walker, map of county	12 00
Samuel Gurney, expense widening street, 1878	5 00
B. W. Keith, insurance,	62 50
B. W. Keith, postal cards	10 25
L. W. Richards, team to E. Kingman	3 37
E. F. Sampson, cutting bushes	1 25
Rogers & Sheldon, cinders	25 00
Lewis Delano, labor on new road	1 00
I. N. Nutter, stationery	1 80
Amount carried forward	$331 54

Amount brought forward	$331 54
A. T. Jones, printing	6 50
Joshua Dean, fares and stationery	7 80
W. M. Judkins, gravel	10 83
Walter Benson, use of team	4 50
E. L. Clark, labor on road	2 50
Abatement of taxes	203 69
	$567 36

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Amount of appropriation	$2,000 00
Amount expended	1,977 08

DISTRICT No. 1.

ELEAZER WHITMAN, *Surveyor.*

Amount of appropriation		$200 00
Paid Eleazer Whitman	$34 60	
Henry Gurney	28 96	
David W. Gurney	14 98	
George R. Dyer	12 58	
V. H. Whitman	12 30	
William Edson	1 50	
A. C. Edson	1 50	
Thomas Cummings	3 60	
James W. Cooper	75	
Charles R. Beals	5 37	
Charles W. Siddall	6 87	
Owen Maguire	1 95	
Zenas Sturtevant	8 20	
Amount carried forward	$133 16	

Amount brought forward	$133 16	
Paid Patrick Carroll	2 58	
David Roach	10 75	
John Cook	1 50	
Frank Dumas	6 44	
James Brown	30 75	
Eliab Whitman	11 49	
H. Byram	1 00	
Joseph Ham (clay)	1 35	
William Reed	1 25	
Asa Whitman (gravel)	1 95	
W. P. Corthell (gravel)	3 75	
J. E. Noyes (gravel)	2 87	
Frank Freeman	56	
David Standish	3 44	
		$212 84
		$12 84

The excess ($12.84) a gratuity by James Brown.

DISTRICT No. 2.

WILLIAM M. JUDKINS, *Surveyor.*

Amount of appropriation		$200 00
Paid Patrick Quigley	$15 75	
James McLane	19 43	
David Roach	23 90	
Owen Maguire	1 87	
John Cook	25 43	
Patrick Carroll	7 50	
Roger Carr	4 37	
Amount carried forward	$98 25	

Amount brought forward	$98 25	
Paid M. Gorman	3 75	
Roger Carr	1 87	
David Roach	1 25	
C. W. Barrows	10 25	
Herbert Edson	5 25	
Frank Sturtevant	2 37	
Patrick Quigley	5 62	
E. F. Sampson	4 38	
G. W. Harden	22 75	
W. M. Judkins	68 52	
		$224 26
Overworked but not allowed		24 26

DISTRICT No. 3.

ISAAC BROWN, *Surveyor.*

Amount of appropriation		$200 00
Paid C. H. Baldwin	$47 50	
M. Wilder	11 90	
I. B. Brown	10 00	
W. Harden	19 50	
J. E. Bisbee	11 50	
David Pratt	13 00	
W. Harden	8 25	
N. W. French	11 30	
J. D. Thurlow	15 95	
Jason Harden	3 00	
Isaac Brown	43 10	
J. E. Bisbee	5 00	
		$200 00

DISTRICT No. 4.

MELVIN CROOKER, *Surveyor.*

Amount of appropriation		$200 00
Paid B. H. Fisher	$4 50	
George Jenkins	8 50	
Charles Raymond	39 75	
Melvin Crooker	123 75	
Thomas Horton	4 05	
		$180 55
Unexpended		19 45
		$200 00

DISTRICT No. 5.

EZRA F. SAMPSON, *Surveyor.*

Amount of appropriation		$200 00
Paid George W. Harden	$64 13	
Allen Washburn	53 48	
Joshua Sturtevant	26 00	
C. H. Brown, 196 yards gravel .	6 50	
Luther Harden	6 75	
Cyrus Munroe	1 00	
E. S. Keith, (gravel)	3 30	
N. Wade	80	
George Jenkins	50	
E. F. Sampson	29 37	
C. H. Brown, gravel	77	
E. F. Sampson	7 40	
		$200 00

DISTRICT No. 6.

ELIAB LATHAM, *Surveyor.*

Amount of appropriation		$200 00
Paid Eliab Latham	$82 88	
James McLane	9 45	
David Roach	9 45	
Dan Gary	6 25	
Charles A. Latham	13 69	
William Green	2 50	
Charles Brown	2 50	
James W. Latham	23 75	
R. C. Keith	3 93	
B. W. Ward	1 25	
Freedom Keith	37	
William Shaw	15 00	
Nathaniel Perkins	4 00	
William Hathaway	1 00	
William A. Bradman	5 00	
George Chamberlain	5 00	
Galen Latham	12 60	
John Donnelly	2 50	
		$201 12
Overworked but not allowed		1 12

DISTRICT No. 7.

MARK P. HUDSON, *Surveyor.*

Amount of appropriation		$200 00
Paid Mark P. Hudson	$60 59	
James R. Hudson	32 05	
Amount carried forward	$92 64	

Amount brought forward	$92 64	
Paid Walter L. Benson	12 25	
John Geary	1 00	
Levi W. Noyes	16 80	
W. K. Churchill	50	
Charles L. Atwood	1 87	
E. Davenport	5 55	
George E. Hayward	2 81	
E. Hayward	2 50	
Robert McNeeland	4 00	
S. D. Reed	4 88	
Melvin Crooker	7 75	
Daman Hoyt	1 00	
George Hudson	1 00	
Charles Bleuger	2 50	
Edward Kingman	2 50	
James Lynch	10 00	
E. Davenport	3 00	
N. M. Keen	5 00	
C. S. Leonard	1 00	
Albert Tilden	75	
Charles Bleuger	3 75	
John V. Trimble	4 75	
Lewis Hayward	1 20	
H. W. White	5 25	
W. L. Benson	5 75	
		$200 00

DISTRICT No 8.

JOTHAM HICKS, *Surveyor.*

Amount of appropriation		$200 00
Paid E. L. Clark	$66 94	
Patrick Drieslane	48 13	
David Roach	23 85	
John Cook	3 37	
James McLane	3 75	
Merritt Jenkins	2 25	
Freeman Cushman	70	
Nathaniel Southworth	22 89	
Patrick Birmingham	5 25	
Reuben Bates	2 00	
Daniel Geary	6 15	
Joseph Ham	11 25	
		$196 53
Unexpended balance		3 47

HIGHWAY DISTRICT No. 9.

FRANCIS HAYWARD, *Surveyor.*

Amount of appropriation		$200 00
Paid Francis Hayward	$90 96	
H. Keith (gravel)	5 64	
W. Hayward	50 89	
W. E. Whitman	30 15	
J. Mahoney	10 50	
R. A. Littlefield	9 53	
George F. Hayward	2 33	
		$200 00

HIGHWAY DISTRICT No. 10.

CALEB GOSS, *Surveyor.*

Amount of appropriation		$200 00
Paid Henry Gurney	$14 13	
M. Crooker	6 76	
E. Tisdale	13 13	
N. Richardson	7 50	
F. C. Freeman	16 88	
C. H. Goss	1 50	
D. Roach	25 50	
W. Hayward	2 50	
W. Whitman	1 50	
J. Mahoney	8 75	
Rufus Littlefield	16 07	
Samuel White	2 88	
G. Lombard	12 98	
Galen Willis	11 49	
Henry Copeland	4 00	
Caleb Goss	54 43	
		$200 00

SNOW.

The following sums have been paid for removing snow: —

M. P. Hudson, surveyor	$5 50
Eliab Latham, surveyor	12 90
Ezra F. Sampson, surveyor	27 70
George Harts and others	4 65
Stephen Harlow and others	16 40
Amount carried forward	$67 15

Amount brought forward	$67 15
Isaac Brown and others	3 80
B. H. Fisher	1 40
Henry Gurney	3 40
M. P. Hudson four bills	3 10
Charles H. Goss, two bills	4 00
D. W. Gorman	2 40
Walter L. Benson	2 25
M. V. West	6 40
Theodore Hobart	1 40
Samuel Smith	1 60
Charles Gaffney	2 60
Galen Latham	2 00
W. M. Judkins	4 25
Caleb Goss	6 00
William Keen	1 00
	$112 75

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS — LABOR AND STOCK.

Amount of appropriation		$500 00
Charles F. Clark	$5 25	
Ezra F. Sampson	7 61	
Eleazer Whitman	15 00	
F. C. Mann	15 46	
E. F. Sampson	14 00	
H. J. Wheeler	4 50	
D. Roach	6 00	
Charles H. Goss	30 43	
Amount carried forward	$98 25	

Amount brought forward	$98 25	
E. F. Sampson	7 85	
Isaac Brown	30 40	
Otis Bisbee	16 00	
H. J. Wheeler	40 00	
Carver Cotton Gin Co.	25 79	
Edgar L. Clark	3 00	
Otis Bisbee	15 25	
Lysander Keith	33 00	
Fred Ames	3 40	
David S. Gurney	3 75	
George B. Howland	16 25	
E. L. Clark	14 45	
Michael Feeney	1 80	
Henry Gurney	2 76	
E. P. Reed & Co.	102 22	
Jotham Hicks	10 55	
M. P. Hudson	16 36	
Rogers & Sheldon	81 21	
William M. Judkins	6 91	
		$529 20

TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation to pay town officers		$1,000 00
Paid George Beal, sexton	$25 00	
George Allen, auditor	15 00	
E. Kingman, selectman	168 00	
E. W. Nutter, school committee	11 50	
Joshua Dean, selectman	42 00	
Amount carried forward	$261 50	

Amount brought forward . .	$261 50	
R. O. Harris, school committee .	25 00	
E. W. Nutter, school committee .	13 10	
M. L. Webber	46 00	
Robert O. Harris, school committee	78 11	
F. Smith, town clerk . . .	59 36	
I. N. Nutter, treasurer . . .	84 50	
W. M. Judkins, constable . .	27 50	
E. Kingman, selectman . . .	16 00	
Charles H. Goss	58 00	
Joshua Dean	21 00	
F. S. Strong, school committee .	33 63	
L. W. Richards, school committee .	15 00	
George H. Wheeler, collector .	97 22	
		$835 92

LIST OF PERSONS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN TO SERVE AS JURORS FOR 1880.

George W. Allen.
Charles H. Brown.
James Brown.
Wellington Caldwell.
Warren K. Churchill.
Luther Churchill Jr.
Henry Gurney.
Samuel Gurney.
Abbott T. Hewitt.
George Harden.
Newton M. Keen.
Levi W. Noyes.
Martin P. McLauthlin.
David Pratt.
Minot C. Shaw.
George H. Wright.
Noah A. Washburn.
Mark P. Hudson.
Jotham Hicks.
Ezra F. Sampson.
Frank Smith.
Robert Young.

Zebina Keith, Jr.
Marcus M. Keith
Simeon C. Keith.
Edward F. Field.
Eliab Latham.
Arthur Harris.
Edmund W. Nutter.
Harris Latham.
Benjamin Ward.
Newton Churchill.
John Hobart.
Nathan Pool.
George B. Howland.

JOSHUA DEAN,
E. KINGMAN,
CHAS. H. GOSS.

Selectmen of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

VALUATION FOR 1879.

Real estate		$941,628 00
Personal estate		254,256 00
Total valuation		$1,195,884 00
Number of polls	776	
Rate of taxation	.098	
State tax		$385 00
County tax		1,502 00
Town appropriations		10,350 00
Town indebtedness		167 93
Overlay		478 73
Committed		$12,883 66
Subsequently assessed		39 48
Total commitment		$12,923 14

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1879.

Support of schools	$5,000 00
Repairs of school property	500 00
Incidentals, school	300 00
Amount carried forward.	$5,800 00

Amount brought forward	$5,800 00
Repairs of highways	2,000 00
Bridges and culverts	500 00
Town officers	1,000 00
Incidentals	600 00
Decorating soldiers' graves	100 00
Insuring school property	200 00
Building wall	150 00
	$10,350 00

JOSHUA DEAN,
EZRA KINGMAN,
CHARLES H. GOSS,
Assessors.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Almshouse Account.

Dr.

To inventory, Feb. 1, 1879	$1,182 00
Thomas Horton's salary, two months . .	50 00
Melvin Crooker's salary, ten months . .	333 33
Dr. Millet, medical attendance . . .	25 00
cash from treasury	830 20
	$2,420 53

Cr.

By inventory, Feb. 1, 1880	$1,453 20
cost of supporting poor	967 33
	$2,420 53

Whole number of inmates during the year . .	13
Average number	10
Average cost per week for support . . .	$1.86

Inmates at the Present Time.

Amos Melen, Lysander Bourne, Calvin Eaton, Lewis Wright, Adeline H. Keene, George H. Savery, Lucina Mitchell, Mrs. Ellen Edson, and infant, Rita R. Edson, Edwin Ropes.

Ard Edson died Oct. 18, 1879.

AID TO POOR PERSONS OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Sarah Harlow's family, Brockton	$75 00
Catharine Quinn's family, Lowell	19 00
Joan Allen	39 00
Sarah H. Randall, for board of Henry Sturtevant's children	40 00
Joseph M. Whitman's family	16 77
H. B. Fisher's family	2 65
Dr. Millet, for medical attendance on Sturtevant's children	8 00
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board of Nathaniel Bouldry	196 73
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board of Hannah Dunn	181 33
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board of J. E. Reynolds	134 85
Sybil P. Dunbar	52 00
Mrs. Fuller, care of Frank Byrant	5 00
Mrs. Dougan (coal)	9 50
Charles L. Atwood Hanson	8 05
Frank Gane, State pauper	52 00
Mrs. Keiff	15 00
Lucina Mitchell	13 00
F. C. Negus, Fall River	10 75
J. B. Conners' family, Lynn	7 50
Daniel Geary	1 75
Mrs. Feeny	6 50
J. E. Reynolds' funeral expenses	16 25
Frank Burns' family, Boston	14 00
	$924 63

Received from town of Brockton . .	$75 00	
Received from town of Hanson . . .	8 05	
Due from State for military aid to J. E. Reynolds	48 00	
Received from State for aid to Frank Gane,	24 29	
		155 34
Actual cost of outside poor		$769 29

REPORT OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN.

To the Overseers of the Poor: —

Gentlemen: — Since my last report very little change has taken place in the inmates that were then in the almshouse, except what would be incident to increasing age, and the death of one of their number. Ard Edson died on the 14th of October, 1879, of old age. His last days were not attended with much suffering or any particular manifestations of disease Of the six inmates remaining from last year, four, Eaton, Bourne, Mellen, Wright, are old men, enfeebled by age and its usual infirmities, but subject to no diseases that are likely to prove fatal. One, Savory, is hopelessly but harmlessly insane. And one, Mrs. Keene, is a confirmed epileptic, who will necessarily become more helpless and demented while she lives, and consequently will require more constant care and attention to prevent her from being injured by falls or otherwise.

Five inmates have been admitted the past year, and one has been born there. Of this number Miss Mitchell is almost entirely helpless from incurable disease, and is also partially insane, and must be regarded as an addition to our life members. Two more of those admitted this year, Mrs. Edson and her boy, came to the almshouse, not because of sickness, although the

boy is a cripple from a diseased bone of one thigh, but because she was abandoned by her husband when she was about to become the mother of another child. That child was born May 24, and is a handsome, healthy, and interesting female. The only other inmate admitted this year was John Carroll, who was picked up on the street on the morning of Feb. 24, in a drunken condition, with both feet frozen. He remained in the almshouse thirteen weeks (until his feet, from which he lost some toes, nearly healed); a large bill of expense to the town, and a good deal of trouble to the keeper of the house and his family. I would respectfully suggest that a more efficient police — employed by the town to take into custody *every* person who has become so lost to self-respect as to be drunk on the street or in any public place — would be a matter of economy.

I cannot close this report without a word in regard to the sanitary condition of the almshouse, which is not in all respects what it should be. The nearness of the barn-yard and hog-pens to the house, with a sink-drain constantly adding to the filth by discharging its contents into the barn-yard upon the surface, a few feet from the house, renders the premises any thing but agreeable or healthful. When we add to this a privy in a building adjoining the house, we have an arrangement by no means comfortable to the inmates or conducive to health. It cannot be for the interest of the town to allow the almshouse to remain in its present condition. It should be made a comfortable house for all who are so unfortunate as to be compelled to reside there. It should not be a place that impresses every inmate with the idea that they came there to die, and the sooner they pay that last debt of nature the sooner they will make the tax payers happy.

Yours, &c.,

A. MILLET.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

G. A. Wheeler, Collector, in account with the town of East Bridgewater.

	Dr.	
To amount of commitment . .	$12,923 14	
To interest collected	53 03	
		$12,976 17

	Cr.	
By cash paid Town Treasurer .	$12,772 48	
By abatements	203 69	
		$12,976 17

G. A. WHEELER, *Collector.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account and find it correct and also that I have seen vouchers for the entire amount.

R. O. HARRIS, *Auditor.*

I have received from the Assessors the following abatements: —

J. K. Aldrich, overtaxed	$4 90
Henry Alden, unknown	1 50
Lewis Alden, "	1 50
Amount carried forward	$7 90

Amount brought forward	$7 90
George E. Bates, not in town	1 50
Patrick Belknap, unknown	1 50
Thomas Brownlow, left town	1 50
Charles N. Buck, dead	1 50
George Burleigh, unknown	1 50
Huldah Brett, exempt	3 55
W. W. Copeland, paid tax in Hanson	1 50
Elliott E. Copeland " " "	1 50
Estate Nathaniel Bouldry, owned by the town	3 92
Patrick Brady, unknown	1 50
Michael Carey, "	1 50
Mitchel Carey, "	1 50
John W. Carroll, not in town	1 50
Thomas H. Cook, unknown	1 50
George S. Davenport, "	1 50
Frank Demarest, left town	1 50
Bart. M. Donnelly, taxed twice	5 57
Maria Daws, exempt	7 35
Dennis Drislane, removed to Boston before May 1	1 50
Jeremiah Dunn, owned by the town	13 55
David Geary, unable to pay	1 50
David H. Gorman, left town	1 50
Seth P. Harden, unable to pay (sick)	6 27
Francis Howe, unknown	1 50
W. A. Hayward, sold to Mrs. Bancroft and exempted	4 90
Olivia Hobart, exempt	2 94
Estate Ellis Holmes, overtaxed	2 50
William H. H. Johnson, left town	1 50
Amount carried forward	$86 95

Amount brought forward	$86 95
F. A. Keith, not in town	1 50
Wm. W. Keene, paid one-half the assessment (sick)	6 14
Heirs Asaba Keith, taxed to and paid by C. W. Siddall	3 43
John Luby, unable to pay (sick)	1 50
George E. Ludden, taxed in South Abington	1 50
Allen Leach, taxed twice	15 19
Henry Macauley, overtaxed	25
Thomas May, unknown	1 50
John McCarey, "	1 50
James S. McLean, left town	1 50
Ellen Murray, unable to pay	5 39
William Nash, left town	1 50
James O'Brine, not in town May 1	1 50
Andrew O'Brine, " " "	1 50
George A. Packard, unknown	1 50
Abbot Parker, not in town	1 50
Uriah Phelps, exempt	49
William A. Rust, taxed in Boston	45 13
John A. Shaw, taxed in Holbrook	4 90
William J. Shaw, not in town	1 50
Edward L. Soule, unable to pay (sick)	1 50
Herbert Sumner, unknown	1 50
Hodijah Tisdale, unable to pay	1 50
William Titus, left town	1 50
James S. Weld, unknown	1 50
Charlotte Whitmarsh, exempt	8 82
Frank L. Woods, unknown	1 50
	$203 69

G. A. WHEELER, *Collector.*

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer, in account with* TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

Dr.

1879.			
		Balance as per previous report . . .	$562 67
March	10.	E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector, on tax of 1878	6 00
April	9.	State Treasurer, Corporation tax additional	42 10
	15.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank . .	1,000 00
May	8.	Alvah A. Smith, on notes of Town .	4,000 00
June	6.	Wm. E. Shaw, per hands of Selectmen,	100 00
	17.	Isaac Thacher, Trustee for release of real estate, assessed to Fearing, Rodman, & Smith	76 61
	25.	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., on note of town	1,000 00
July	30.	Tremont National Bank on note of town,	1,000 00
Sept.	6.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank . .	500 00
Dec.	9.	State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, .	989 90
		National Bank Tax . .	676 17
		State Aid	850 00
		Relief of indigent Soldiers . . .	387 76
		Amount carried forward	$11,191 21

		Amount brought forward	$11,191 21
1880.			
Jan.	13.	Town of Brockton, aid to Sarah Harlow,	75 00
	22.	County Treasurer, dividend on dog-tax,	106 24
	26.	State Treasurer, on account of State paupers	24 29
		State Treasurer, income Massachusetts School Fund	194 47
Feb.	10.	Town of West Bridgewater, tuition of Scholars in Beaver School . .	100 37
		George A. Wheeler, Collector . .	12,532 79
	19.	Town of Hanson, aid to Charles L. Atwood	8 05
	20.	George A. Wheeler, Collector, balance on Tax of 1879	239 69
			$24,472 11

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1879.			
May	8.	East Bridgewater, Savings Bank note of town, dated Oct. 16, 1878 . .	2,000 00
Sept.	23.	East Bridgewater, Savings Bank note,	500 00
	6.	Selectmen of East Bridgewater, amount refunded to William E. Shaw . .	100 00
	27.	Tremont National Bank, note . .	1,000 00
		State Treasurer, two notes given Alvah A. Smith	4,000 00
		Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., note,	1,000 00
Nov.	4.	County Tax for 1879	1,502 40
Dec.	9.	State Tax for 1879	385 00
		Amount carried forward	$10,487 40

	Amount brought forward		$10,487 40
Dec.	29.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note .	1,000 00
		Interest on Town notes . . .	178 60
		Recording Collector's deed . . .	90
Feb.	20.	Orders drawn by Selectmen. . .	$7,017 90
		Orders drawn by School Committee, including $33.94 paid on previous year	5,050 28

George A. Wheeler, Collector, tax for 1879, including expense of deeds, etc., of real estate, taxed to following persons, and sold by Collector for non-payment of taxes.

Feb.	20.	Harrison G. Byram	11 14
		Mary Brown	13 81
		George Osborne	15 76
		Tax for 1879, on real estate, held by town formerly of George W. Deane and James Eaton	18 85
		George A. Wheeler, Collector, bill for expenses paid	2 16
			$23,796 80
		Cash on hand	675 31
			$24,472 11

I. N. NUTTER,
Treasurer.

East Bridgewater, Feb. 23, 1880.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Report, and find the items properly entered and vouched for, and the accounts properly cast.

R. O. HARRIS, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

Receipts.

1879.			
Feb.	1.	Cash on hand	$73 51
	14.	Comical Brown . . .	10 00
	20.	Dance	15 00
March	27.	Unitarian Society . . .	6 00
April	2.	Good Samaritans . . .	2 50
	9.	A. B. C. party	10 00
May	1.	Union Society, L. Hall . .	3 00
	2.	Concert	10 00
	15.	Leavitt's Combination . .	6 00
June	5.	Dramatics	5 00
	18.	Unitarian Society, L. Hall .	3 00
Aug.	29.	Bell Ringers	10 00
Sept.	10.	Uncle Tom's Cabin . . .	10 00
	18.	Cattle-show ball . . .	10 00
	18.	G. L. Washburn, L. Hall .	3 00
Oct.	2.	Unitarian Society . . .	5 00
	18.	Lecture	5 00
	28.	Lecture	5 00
	31.	Unitarian Society . . .	6 00
		Amount carried forward . . .	$198 01

		Amount brought forward . . .	$198	01
Nov.	3.	Lecture	5	00
	12.	Sociable, L. Hall . . .	3	00
	27.	Unitarian Society . . .	5	00
Dec.	25.	Unitarian Society . . .	6	00
	1880.			
Jan.	4.	Woman's C. T. Union . .	2	50
	7.	Unitarian Sewing-circle . .	3	00
	16.	Dance	8	00
	21.	Rehearsal E. B. Musical Soc. .	1	50
	29.	Concert E. B. Musical Society	5	00
	27.	Unitarian entertainment . .	6	00
			$243	01

Expenditures.

	1879.			
Feb.	25.	W. M. Judkins, Constable .	$2	00
March	7.	J. Hobart, coal . . .	3	44
April	17.	J. Hobart, coal . . .	5	18
May	2.	J. G. Knapp, labor . . .	1	10
	2.	E. Hinkley, fuel . . .	2	00
June	20.	Mrs. Maguire, cleaning . .	10	00
July	5.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, &c. .	14	03
Aug.	14.	Cornorell Bros., concreting .	100	00
	29.	Otis Bisbee, labor . . .	1	67
	29.	I. N. Nutter, labor and team .	7	38
Dec.	6.	J. Hobart, coal . . .	6	25
	1880.			
Jan.	1.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, &c. .	10	19
	10.	Eleazer Whitman, wood . .	2	00
		Amount carried forward . . .	$165	24

	Amount brought forward . . .		$165 24	
Jan.	10.	Allen Washburn, wood . .	3 00	
	17.	James O'Hearn, labor . .	2 00	
	31.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, &c. .	3 05	
	31.	C. H. Goss, boards . . .	1 00	
	31.	E. Hinkley, janitor . . .	48 75	
	31.	Frank Smith, Sec. of Com. .	10 00	
			$233 04	
	31.	Cash on hand	9 97	
				$243 01

JOSHUA DEAN,
I. N. NUTTER,
FRANK SMITH,
Committee.

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts of the Town Hall Committee, and find the items thereof properly entered and vouched for.

R. O. HARRIS, *Auditor.*

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have carefully examined the accounts of the Selectmen, School Committee, Treasurer, the Assessors, and Collector, and report as follows:—

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer . .	$7,298 83
Amount of orders paid by the Treasurer. . .	7,017 90
Outstanding orders	$280 93

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer . .	$6,140 99
Amount of orders paid by the Treasurer . .	5,016 34
Outstanding orders	$1,124 65

TREASURER.

Amount received during the year	$24,472 11
Amount paid out during the year	23,796 80
	$675 31

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection	$12,923 14
	53 03
Total	$12,976 17
Amount paid to Treasurer	12,976 17

The Collector has exhibited us the Treasurer's receipt for the amount.

We deem it our duty to compliment the various officers whose accounts we have audited, for the very careful and accurate manner in which they have kept their accounts.

R. O. HARRIS,
GEORGE ALLEN,

Auditors.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

Twenty-three marriages have been recorded during the year 1879.

1879.

Jan. 1. Elbridge P. Bonney of Hanson, and Henrietta M. Marston of Halifax. By Rev. William J. Smith.

Feb. 9. John W. Carroll of East Bridgewater, and Annie Watson of Boston. By James J. Chittick.

21. Alfred G. Edson and Ellen L. McGlathry, both of East Bridgewater. By Wm. H. Osborne, Esq.

23. Fred. E. Trow of East Bridgewater, and Lizzie M. Johnson of Hanover. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

March 8. Everett S. Vosmus and Hattie Pittsley, both of West Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

16. Gilman R. Lombard of East Bridgewater, and Mary E. Ames of West Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

May 10. Arthur L. Leach and Mary F. Cook, both of South Abington. By Rev. W. F. Farrington.

June 15. Herman S. Porter and Annie J. Cook, both of South Abington. By Rev. Baalis Sanford.

July 6. Daniel Sullivan of South Abington, and Ella F. Pratt of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Joseph Pettee.

Aug. 11. Martin A. Hayward and Nellie B. Holmes, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. M. Wilson.

Sept. 17. Charles E. Cole of South Abington, and Susie A. Severance of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. J. Smith.

17. B. Warren Bennett and Polly R. Hayward, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. J. Smith.

Oct. 23. Joseph Ramsdell and Elizabeth Clement, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Noah Fullerton.

Nov. 4. Lester B. Shaw and Huldah M. Kingman, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

13. Frank Houston and Lizzie Adams, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Smith.

13. Frederic E. Ames and Ida M. Bisbee, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Baalis Sanford.

19. Unite K. Leach and Maggie Penpraes, both of West Bridgewater. By Rev. W. J. Smith.

26. George W. Dunbar of West Bridgewater, and Susie E. Sprague of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

26. Clarence E. Caswell and Cordelia M. Benson, both of South Abington. By Rev. Baalis Sanford.

Dec. 24. Charles H. Edson and Mary M. Harris, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

4. Winthrop E. Packard and Evelyn M. Stetson, both of South Abington. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

5. Ami H. Young of Chico Springs, and Agnes H. Nash of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

8. David W. Tinkham and Annie G. Higgins, both of West Bridgewater. By Rev. Baalis Sanford.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1879.

Date of Birth.	Full Name.	Names of Parents,
1879.		
Jan. 3,	Charles Albert Sumner	Ira H. and Edith F.
18,	Christine Fay Hayward	Josiah E. and Sarah J.
27,	Alice Maria Campbell	Edmund and Alice.
Feb. 14,	Eddie Curren	Bartley and Ann.
28,	John Gilbert Cavenaugh	David and Alice.
March 2,	George Elton Shaw	Lyman C. and Fanny R.
5,	Ansel Warren Ward	Stillman W. and Edith.
8,	Alice Fidelia Lincoln	Isaac H. and Emily M.
15,	Catharine Roach	David and Mary.
April 5,	Joseph Bernier	Zefirain and Mary.
14,	Daniel Neville	Andrew and Elizabeth.
22,	Edward Everett Boden	Charles and Martha.
May 5,	Herbert Edson Brown	Edwin W. and Eliza L.
22,	John McCarty	John and Margaret.
24,	Rita Rebecca Edson	Alfred G. and Ellen L.
June 27,	Ethel Myrtice Soper	John S. and Lavinia H.
July 2,	Robert Chilton Latham	E. Austin and Lucy A.
14,	Lola Deforrest Pratt	Allen P. and Lorinda R.
16,	Earnest Crocker Hannan	Edward and Mary.
21,	Lizzie Annie Murphy	William and Eliza.
Aug. 13,	Emma Frances Carr	John C. and Asenath M.
19,	William Murphy	William and Mary.
Sept 11,	Albert Grover Allen	James S. and Alice R.
23,	Harry Alvin Strong	Alphonso N. and Carrie M.
Oct. 10,	Lydia May Freeman	James D. and Ellen A.
10,	William Gilbert Lombard	Gilman R. and Mary E.
11,	Charles Edward Geary	Daniel and Mary.
19,	John Gilbert Belanger	Charles and Maggie.
28,	Leonard Alf Hayward	Leonard H. and Emeline A.
Nov. 8,	Morris Clifton Edson	Edward E. and Addie F.
12,	Mary Ellen Elmond	Peter and Alice.
20,	Bernice Maria Ransden	Wallace C. and Lucy D.
22,	——— Hathaway	Alonzo S. and Mary E.
Dec. 1,	Louise Burrows Meservy	Jefferson B. and Hannah B.
8,	Fred Williams Trow	Fred E. and Lizzie M.

BIRTHS — *Concluded.*

Date of Birth.	Full Name.	Names of Parents.
1879.		
Dec. 15,	——— McLauthlin . .	Martin P. and Elizabeth P.
22,	——— Holmes . . .	Henry M. and Annie L.
24,	Dennis Mahoney . . .	Thomas and Johanna.
25,	——— French . . .	William H. and Elmira D.
1878.		
Feb. 23,	Mabel Emily Frizelle . .	Samuel and Esther S.
April 4,	Thomas Mahoney . . .	Thomas and Johanna.
20,	Charles Winn . . .	Frank and Kate.
Aug. 7,	Alice Althea Rogers . .	Henry B. and Mary E.
Dec. 15,	Waldo Hayward . . .	William A. and Louise B.
29,	Eli Bunker	Theodore E. and Annie.
1877.		
Jan. 15,	Esther Holmes Ransden . .	Nathan A. W. and Selina M.
1876.		
June 26,	Johanna Mahoney . . .	Thomas and Johanna.
1874.		
May 9,	Albert Alden Washburn .	George A. and Alice M.

Whole number of births in 1879		39
Males	23	
Females	16	
Of foreign parentage		13

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1879.

Date of Death.	Names.	Age.			Disease.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1879.					
Jan. 11,	Zenas Keith	82	11	23	Pneumonia.
17,	Sarah Conant	63	9	1	Bright's Disease.
24,	Willie Lee Feeney	–	3	23	Whooping-Cough.
25,	Bertrand B. Byram	11	10	–	Meningitis.
26,	Mary L. Poole	57	6	2	Rheumatism.
Feb. 11,	Jane Mitchell	56	6	–	Erysipelas.
15,	Pamela H. Bourne	–	8	1	Spasms.
17,	John Waterman	59	11	23	Apoplexy.
22,	Timothy Drake	84	3	19	Old Age.
Feb. 26,	Thomas Rogers	2	7	–	Tonsillitis.
Mar. 4,	Clara G. Rounseville	6	7	20	Scarlet Fever
Mar. 8,	Angelina F. Mackay	31	–	–	Intestinal Obstruction.
12,	Catharine Rogers	10	8	–	Tonsillitis.
15,	Michael Rogers	5	–	–	Whooping-Cough.
26,	Fred W. Richards	24	9	6	Scarlet Fever.
26,	Hanora Feeney	5	1	17	Accidental Burning.
Apr. 1,	Leonard Hill	91	–	4	Old age.
6,	John Lane Allen	2	10	15	Scarlet Fever.
12,	Elizabeth Munyan	85	2	–	Bronchitis.
16,	Rebecca Aldridge	22	2	–	Consumption.
18,	Mary E. Waterman	4	4	9	Scarlet Fever.
20,	Merrill Whitmarsh	80	7	11	Palsy.
27,	Nabby R. Newhall	88	5	18	Old age.
30,	Daniel Whitman	95	–	18	Old age.
May 20,	George H. Byram	65	8	–	Disease of Brain.
22,	Mary A. Tyson	77	–	–	Consumption.
June 4,	A. Augusta Shaw	44	11	2	Cancer.
14,	Sarah F. Bird	80	3	23	Pneumonia.
15,	Francis C. Bryant	46	11	–	Consumption.
22,	Sarah Phillips	78	11	9	Dropsy.
Aug. 1,	Lydia Marvel	82	11	20	Old age.
20,	Clarence A. Dean	1	8	20	Cholera Infantum.
Sept. 7,	Gertrude B. Edson	–	9	18	Cholera Infantum.
27,	Willard Johnson	50	8	16	Consumption.
Oct. 4,	Josiah E. Reynolds	36	4	6	Softening of the Brain.
15,	William G. Field	61	8	26	Apoplexy.
18,	Ard Edson	87	–	–	Old age.

DEATHS — *Concluded.*

Date of Death.	Names.	Age.			Disease.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
Nov. 14,	John Porter Reed . .	86	4	22	Old age.
27,	Millard E. Brown . .	26	11	20	Ulceration of the Liver.
Dec. 6,	John H. Doody . .	20	2	11	Phthisis.
7,	Elizabeth G. Sweeting .	60	9	2	Typhoid Fever.
8,	Wilkes Darey . .	71	10	26	Consumption.
18,	Charity Rogers . .	83	11	6	Old age.
20,	Eva M. Cole . . .	22	11	20	Consumption.
1878.					
Jan. 20,	Betsey I. Wright . .	29	7	5	Bright's Disease.
Feb. 15,	Rebecca Ann Slade .	83	7	6	Old age.
Apr. 26,	Rachel Whitman . .	89	5	19	Old age.

Whole number of deaths in 1879 44

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

TOWN WARRANT.

PLYMOUTH, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of East Bridgewater, in the County of Plymouth, GREETING: —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of East Bridgewater, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said town, on Monday, March 8, 1880, at one o'clock P.M., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit: —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2. To act on the reports of Town Officers.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay all town charges.

ART. 5. To determine the manner of repairing the highways.

ART. 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the payment of taxes.

ART. 9. To act on a list of persons proposed by the Selectmen to serve as jurors.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will build a stable on the Town Farm.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will choose a committee to prepare a code of by-laws.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of the Act of 1871, Chap. 158, relating to Road Commissioners.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will choose a Board of Road Commissioners.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen or Treasurer to sell any or all of the real estate conveyed to the Town by the Collector of Taxes prior to the year 1878.

ART. 15. To see what action the Town will take in respect to the compliance with Chap. 234, Act of 1878: being an Act relating to the distribution of the annual income of the school fund, and to provide for reports by school committees to the Secretary of the State Board of Education.

ART. 16. To see what action the Town will take in regard to providing additional school accommodations, by enlarging the present High-school Building, or erecting a new building.

ART. 17. To see what action the Town will take on an order of notice to this Town, from the County Commissioners to widen, alter, and grade the road between Elmwood and Bridgewater, as petitioned for by Joshua E. Crane and other citizens of Bridgewater and vicinity.

ART. 18. To see what action the Town will take on the order of notice to this Town from the County Commissioners to widen, construct, and grade portions of Harvard Street and Grove Street in East Bridgewater, as petitioned for by James Brown and others, of East Bridgewater and South Abington.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will allow James Brown to expend the portion of money raised for repairs of highways due

to Harvard and Pine Streets (pro rata per mile), he agreeing to expend as much more, with a view of making a first-class road the length of those streets, in a few years.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will allow James Brown a fair and just compensation for repairs and improvements, and for making the new road and widenings, as laid out and ordered by the County Commissioners, on Harvard and Pine Streets, the same to be paid by the Town as fast as taxes shall be assessed on buildings and property that may be put upon said streets.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will raise five hundred dollars, or any other sum, the same to be expended in making, improving, and extending side-walks from each schoolhouse, church, and railroad station in Town, — an equal amount to each; and take some measures to clear a path from snow by the side of roads in town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up a copy thereof at the post-offices, and also at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said East Bridgewater, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

JOSHUA DEAN,
E. KINGMAN,
CHAS. H. GOSS,
} *Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater.*

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

For 1879–80.

SCHOOL REPORT.

At the last annual town meeting E. W. Nutter was chosen a member of the school committee for a term of three years, and Robert O. Harris for two years.

The new board was organized by the choice of F. S. Strong as chairman, R. O. Harris secretary, and L. W. Richards treasurer.

The several schools were assigned for supervision, as follows: —

To Mr. Strong, the Central Grammar and the schools in Elmwood and Satucket.

To Mr. Harris, the High School and the schools in Beaver, Northville, Eastville, and Curtisville.

To Mr. Nutter, the North, East, and West Primaries.

The following report of the condition and needs of the public schools is respectfully submitted.

Attendance.

A comparison of the records kept in the several schools with the enumeration of children of school age residing in town on the first of last May, gives a favorable showing

as regards attendance, and makes it evident that the laws of the State affecting this subject have been generally complied with. But few instances of the evasion of these laws have come to the knowledge of the committee, and in these cases measures have been taken to have the children returned to the schools from which they had absented themselves.

As the laws referred to have been amended within a few years, we print them in their amended form at the end of this report, for the information of parents and others having children under their charge.

No provision has as yet been made by the town for the proper enforcement of these laws. By an act of the Legislature passed in 1878, towns neglecting to make such provision will not be entitled, after the present year, to a share of the income of the State school fund. A set of by-laws which we print with this report, has been prepared by the committee, to be submitted to the town for its action at the annual meeting.

Teachers.

We give below a list of the teachers employed the past year with the respective schools taught by them.

High School	Wyman C. Fickett, Principal. Miss Jennie E. Chandler, Assistant.
Central Grammar	Edmund W. Nutter, Principal. H. W. Kittredge, Principal. Sara E. Wilbar, Assistant.
Intermediate	Mrs. Kate Woodbury.

North Primary	Mrs. S. B. Dunphe. Miss Grace Swallow. Miss Annie Keith.
East Primary	Miss Huldah M. Kingman. Miss Ann W. Harden.
West Primary	Miss Lucy H. Keith. Miss Georgianna Keith.
Elmwood Grammar	Miss Hattie A. Holbrook. Miss L. Frances Estes.
Elmwood Primary	Miss Lora G. Kingman.
Satucket	Miss M. Jennie Whitman.
Curtisville	Miss Ellen M. Buttomer.
Eastville	Miss Lura Whitmarsh.
Northville	Miss Fannie M. Gurney.
Beaver Grammar	Miss Clara S. Vincent. Miss Julia E. Greenwood. Miss Ellen E. Thompson. Miss Annie E. English.
Beaver Primary	Miss Lucy A. Kingman.

It will be seen by the above list that several changes have occurred during the year; though fewer, we believe, than in either of the two years next preceding. Of the seven teachers who have resigned their positions, two have done so to accept more lucrative places, two on account of ill-health, and one has asked to be relieved during the winter term, and will resume her charge at the beginning of the next year.

The loss suffered by our schools in consequence of the frequent change of teachers has been set forth in former reports, and need not be rehearsed here. How to guard

against this loss is a question demanding serious consideration.

We cannot compete with the larger and more wealthy towns in the matter of salaries. Occasionally, it is true, a moderate increase of pay is the means of securing or retaining a good teacher, and we believe the appropriation made by the town should be sufficient to meet such cases. But it is becoming almost impossible to obtain experienced teachers from beyond our own town limits.

There is one course which offers at least a partial solution of the difficulty. We should, as far as possible, educate and train our own teachers. It has been the policy of the committee, in making appointments, to give the preference to graduates of our High School, when this could be done without any sacrifice of the interests of the schools. Many of these graduates have proved to be efficient instructors, and, as a rule, they are content to hold their positions, without seeking more lucrative ones elsewhere. But we cannot expect that young ladies fresh from their own studies, without experience in or special training for the work of the teacher, can be entrusted with the charge of our schools without incurring the risk of occasional failure.

We believe it is within the power of the town to furnish the training so essential to success. Members of the High School who desire to become teachers might receive, during the last year of the course, special instruction in the art of teaching, and after graduating be assigned to

some of the public schools to serve for a term at least, under the supervision of experienced and competent teachers.

Those who manifest a fitness for their chosen work should receive a certificate from the committee or be appointed to fill existing vacancies.

High School.

At the close of the last school year a class of thirteen completed the prescribed course of study, and were awarded diplomas by the committee. The graduating exercises, held in the Town Hall, were of a highly interesting character, and attracted as usual, a large number of the friends of the school. Although, strictly speaking, the annual public exercises form no part of the prescribed course, yet they exert a beneficial influence in stimulating the interest of our citizens in the school, and giving them a knowledge of the methods of instruction employed and the results obtained.

The names of the members of the graduating class are as follows: —

Classical Course.

Lizzie W. Drake.	Isabel Paine.
John W. Herrick.	Abbie C. Shaw.
Albion S. Keith.	Mary W. Shaw.
Loretta C. Lyon.	Eliab N. Ward.

English Course.

Fred. E. Fuller.	William Parker.
Annie M. Keith.	Agnes A. Voigt.
Jane A. W. Osborne.	

At the examination of candidates for admission to the school, at the beginning of the present year, thirty-five scholars appeared. Of these, fourteen answered correctly seventy-five per cent of the questions prepared for them, and were accordingly admitted. Of the remainder, five marked between sixty-five and seventy-five per cent, and were admitted conditionally. By a rule of the committee, any scholar who, during the first term of membership, falls fifteen per cent below the average of his class shall be returned to the school from which he came.

Since the adoption of the course of study for the lower schools, the standard of admission to the High School has been raised, and at the last examination this standard was rigidly adhered to. As a result, the present junior class has maintained an exceptionally good standing.

A continued adherence to the present standard will tend not only to raise the grade of the school, but to reduce its membership. The number of pupils now attending is fifty-two, divided among the four classes, as follows: —

Senior Class	10
Sub-senior	13
Middle	8
Junior	21

We are unable to state what proportion of those who enter the school remain to complete the course of study. Many pupils, however, leave the school after an attend-

ance of but one or two years, and this will continue to be the case so long as the studies begun in the lower schools are left to be completed during the first year of the High-school course.

We are of the opinion that some changes should be made in the course of study to meet the wants of those pupils, who for any cause, cannot graduate or do not desire to do so. This object could be attained by substituting for some of the studies of the second year, others of more practical usefulness in the ordinary pursuits of life.

Intermediate School.

Owing to the crowded condition of the North Primary and Central Grammar Schools, which in the spring term numbered respectively sixty and seventy-four pupils, the committee decided to establish for the fall term an Intermediate School. The school was accordingly opened in the North-primary building, and was composed of two classes, the first comprising the fourth class of the Central Grammar, and the second formed by uniting the advanced classes of the three primaries. Subsequently it was found necessary to make some changes in order to accommodate children living at too great a distance from the schools to which they had been assigned. This interfered to a considerable extent with the success of the new school, although the other schools were greatly benefited by the change. As had been anticipated, at the approach of

the winter term, many parents objected, on account of the increased distance, to sending their children to the schools to which they had been transferred. After considering the subject in all its bearings, the committee deemed it best to restore the schools to their former condition.

The need of establishing permanently in the centre of the town a school of intermediate grade has long been recognized by all who are conversant with the working of our present school system. This need becomes more urgent every year, and nothing will justify the town in delaying action in this matter much longer.

Probably the most economical plan of obtaining accommodations for such a school is that of enlarging the present High-school building. One advantage of this plan is that it furnishes the means of increasing the facilities of the schools now occupying the building.

We recommend that at the annual meeting a committee be chosen to consider this matter, and report to the town at as early a date as practicable.

Course of Study and Methods of Teaching.

The course of study for the lower schools has been in operation nearly three years, and a review of the progress of the schools during that time furnishes sufficient data for judging of its merits and defects. It was regarded by the committee who prepared and adopted it, as in a measure experimental. While we are convinced that its

adoption was a wise measure, and has been the means of increasing the efficiency of the schools, and bringing them into more harmonious relations with each other, by presenting a well-defined plan of instruction, yet we think a strict conformity to all its requirements should not be enforced. Indeed, the wide difference in the composition of classes, as well as in the capacity and attainments of individual scholars, renders such enforcement impossible.

The plan of confining study to prescribed text-books, and requiring a given number of pages to be gone over within a specified time, has long since been discarded by the best educators as tending to a narrow and one-sided instruction, and interfering with a natural development of the mental faculties.

In many cities and towns text-books have been well nigh banished from the public schools, and oral instruction has taken their place. So radical a change as this would not be advisable in the grammar and mixed schools of this town, the grading and classification of which make it impossible for the teacher to dispense with text-books. We should see to it, however, that no obstacle is placed in the way of a teacher who strives to awaken in his pupils a deeper interest in their studies by departing from the beaten track, and opening to them new fields of observation, and fresh sources of instruction.

The Primary Schools.

Any attempt to improve our school system that does

not begin with the primary schools cannot be productive of the best results. These schools have not heretofore received their due share of attention.

The old artificial methods of instruction have been retained too long, and should be superseded by others based upon a sounder theory of intellectual development.

We have not space to discuss or explain these new methods, but we cannot better present the principle underlying them than by quoting a passage from Herbert Spencer's excellent work on education : —

" But of all the changes taking place, the most significant is the growing desire to make the acquirement of knowledge pleasurable rather than painful, — a desire based on the more or less distinct perception that at each age the intellectual action that a child likes is a healthful one for it ; and conversely. There is a spreading opinion that the rise of an appetite for any kind of knowledge implies that the unfolding mind has become fit to assimilate it, and needs it for the purposes of growth ; and that on the other hand, the disgust felt towards any kind of knowledge is a sign either that it is prematurely presented, or that it is presented in an indigestible form. Hence the efforts to make early education amusing, and all education interesting."

It may be objected that the acquisition of knowledge under the new methods is less rapid than under the old ; and this perhaps is true as regards certain branches. But there is a fuller and more natural development of the

faculties of observation and reasoning, and thus a broader foundation is laid for future acquirement. One secret of education is "to know how wisely to lose time."

The cramming process should no longer be tolerated in our schools, and no acquisition of knowledge should be sought which puts too great a strain upon the mental or physical strength of the child.

We feel assured that the introduction into our primary school of the improved methods of instruction above suggested would be followed by the most gratifying results.

Condition of School Property.

Nearly all of the sum appropriated by the town for the repair of school property has been expended in grading the yard of the North Primary School, sinking wells at Beaver and Elmwood, painting the house at Satucket, purchasing a stove for the Central Grammar School, rebuilding the platform of the High-school building and making other minor repairs.

It was the intention of the committee to grade the yard at Northville, but after giving the matter further consideration, not feeling warranted in incurring the necessary expense, they decided to leave a balance of the appropriation unexpended and lay the matter again before the town.

It will be necessary the coming year to paint the building at Eastville, and shingle the roof of the Curtisville schoolhouse. Provision should also be made for the repair

of blackboards, which in some schools are so nearly worn out as to be of little service.

Much inconvenience and discomfort have been suffered by the members of the High and Central Grammar Schools from the bad condition of the furnace which renders it impossible to maintain a proper temperature during the coldest weather. The escape of gas has also been a source of considerable annoyance. At the beginning of the winter term, a stove was purchased and placed in the lower room, but the heating and ventilation of the High-school room, and the two recitation rooms, cannot be properly regulated unless the old furnace is replaced by a new one. A proper regard for the health and comfort of the pupils will demand that this be done before the return of the cold season.

The attention of the town has repeatedly been called to the West Primary School which has suffered for years from the want of suitable accommodations. The building occupied by this school may be briefly described as totally unfit for its purpose. The yard is very small and the site is as bad as could be selected.

To crowd sixty children into this small building is to inflict on them an unwarrantable injury of both body and mind.

If the town does not see fit to establish an Intermediate School, and thus relieve this school of a portion of its pupils, then a new site should be chosen, and a new building erected for its accommodation.

It would be a waste of money to make any considerable outlay upon the present building.

Should a new school be opened, however, then, this building, after undergoing some slight alterations, might be allowed to stand a few years longer, or until the town could afford to erect a new one.

In accordance with the vote of the town, those school buildings on which the insurance policies had expired have been re-insured. The rate obtained was so low that but little more than half the sum appropriated was required to pay the premium.

Estimates.

The liberal appropriation for school purposes made by the town has enabled the Committee to extend the school year to thirty-six weeks, and leave an unexpended balance in the treasury; but as the income from the State fund and other sources is gradually falling off, no reduction in this appropriation can safely be made the coming year. The following are the estimated sums needed for the support of schools.

School purposes	$5,000 00
Incidentals	300 00
Repairs	400 00

FREDERICK S. STRONG,
L. WATTS RICHARDS,
ROBERT O. HARRIS,
EDMUND W. NUTTER,
School Committee.

East Bridgewater, Feb. 20, 1880.

School Statistics.

Number of children between the ages of five and fifteen years in town on the 1st of May 385
Number attending school 368
Number over fifteen, attending school 45
Average number belonging to the public schools for the year . 441
" " attending " " " " 405

The following table shows the attendance of each school for the year. The results given are obtained in accordance with the new rule of the Board of Education.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	Average No. Belonging.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Average Attendance.
High School	53	51	96
Central Grammar	67	63	94
Elmwood Grammar	21	20	93½
Beaver Grammar	37	32	84
Intermediate	61	56	91
North Primary	34	31	89½
East Primary	41	37	89
West Primary	49	45	92
Elmwood Primary	27	24	88
Eastville	25	23	89
Northville	24	22	92
Curtisville	20	17	84
Satucket	16+	15	90
Beaver Primary	27	25	90

Laws Relating to the Attendance of Children in the Schools.

Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen shall annually cause

such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, at least twenty weeks, which time shall be divided into two terms, of ten consecutive weeks, so far as the arrangement of school terms will allow; and for every neglect of such duty the party offending shall forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; but if the party so neglecting was not able, by reason of poverty, to send such child to school, or such child has attended a private day school approved by the school committee of such city or town for a like period of time, or is regularly attending a public or private day school, known as a half-time school, also approved by them, or that such child has been otherwise furnished with the means of education for a like period of time, or has already acquired the branches of learning taught in the public schools; or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable, the penalty before mentioned shall not be incurred, provided that no objection shall be made by the school committee to any such school on account of the religious teaching in said school.

No child under the age of ten years shall be employed in any manufacturing or mechanical establishment within this commonwealth, and no child between the ages of ten and fifteen years shall be so employed unless he has attended some public or private day school, under teachers approved by the school committee of the place in which

such school is kept, at least three months during the year next preceding such employment; provided said child shall have lived within the Commonwealth during the preceding six months; nor shall such employment continue unless such child shall attend school at least three months in each and every year; and provided that tuition of three hours per day in a public or private day school, approved by the school committee of the place, in which such school is kept during a term of six months, shall be deemed the equivalent of three months' attendance at a school kept in accordance with the customary hours of tuition, and no time less than sixty days of actual schooling shall be accounted as three months, and no time less than one hundred and twenty half days of actual schooling shall be deemed an equivalent of three months.

Any owner, agent, superintendent, or overseer of any manufacturing or mechanical establishment who shall knowingly employ or permit to be employed, any child in violation of the preceding section, and any parent or guardian who allows or consents to such employment, shall, for such offence, forfeit the sum of fifty dollars.

BY-LAWS IN RELATION TO TRUANCY.

ARTICLE I. All children between the ages of seven and fifteen years residing in this town, who may be found wandering about in the streets and public places of the said town, having no regular occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, shall be sent into the schools to which they belong by the truant officers, and their parents or guardians notified by the officers, and warned to keep them in school.

ART. II. Any scholar who, after having been ordered into his school, shall continue to play truant, or shall refuse to attend school, shall be reported by the truant officers, or any one of them, to the school committee, who shall in their discretion instruct the officer to make complaint against him.

ART. III. The —— school at —— is hereby assigned as a place of confinement, instruction, and discipline for children convicted upon the complaint of the truant officer.

ART. IV. It shall be the duty of the truant officers to report to the school committee at their subsequent regular meeting each case of children ordered into school by them, and each case of non-compliance with their commands, and keep a full record of their official acts, and make an annual report thereof to the school committee, who shall publish the same with their own report.

ART. V. Nothing in these by-laws shall be so construed as to affect the right of parents or guardians to send the children under their charge to any private or half-time school, or to a school in any town other than their town of residence.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

APPROPRIATIONS.

For schools	$5,000 00	
school incidentals	300 00	
sinking wells and repairs on houses	500 00	
town West Bridgewater	100 37	
State treasurer	194 47	
County treasurer	106 24	
insurance	200 00	
		$6,401 08

FUEL AND PREPARING.

Paid Bosworth Brothers	$89 35	
John Hobart	88 12	
Isaac Lincoln	18 94	
T. F. Wood	10 67	
F. W. Sturtevant	14 22	
Joseph Jones	2 00	
Edward A. Porter	4 80	
		$228 10

INSURANCE.

Amount appropriated		$200 00
Paid Loring W. Puffer	$108 00	
Unexpended	92 00	
		$200 00

TEACHING.

W. C. Fickett	$1,066 25	
Jenny E. Chandler	400 00	
L. A. Millett	20 00	
E. W. Nutter	232 00	
H. W. Kittredge	120 00	
Sara E. Wilbar	258 00	
Clara S. Vincent	16 00	
Julia E. Greenwood	80 00	
Ellen E. Thompson	96 00	
Annie E. English	108 00	
Lucy A. Kingman	216 00	
Hattie A. Holbrook	84 00	
L. Frances Estes	168 00	
Lora G. Kingman	216 00	
Fanny M. Gurney	252 00	
Lura Whitmarsh	252 00	
Ellen M. Buttomer	252 00	
M. Jennie Whitman	252 00	
S. B. Dunphe	53 20	
Grace T. Swallow	30 80	
Katie S. Woodbury	84 00	
Annie M. Keith	72 00	
Huldah M. Kingman	84 00	
Ann W. Harden	168 00	
Lucy H. Keith	163 10	
Georgiana Keith	88 90	
		$4,832 25

CARE OF HOUSES.

Mary A. Fisher	$4 25	
Hattie D. Whitman	6 00	
Walter E. Whitman	3 00	
Ellen M. Buttomer	9 00	
Lura Whitmarsh	9 00	
Kingman & Scribner	8 00	
F. E. Fuller	8 00	
Fanny M. Gurney	9 00	
Lucy A. Kingman	9 00	
Cynthia A. Morey	3 00	
Wm. A. Dyson, jun.	9 00	
T. F. Nute	3 75	
Mrs. George Sites	6 00	
E. W. Nutter, cash paid	10 90	
Kate Barrett	30 00	
Elmira Sturtevant	6 00	
Mrs. Isaac T. Hatch	3 00	
Mrs. Z. W. Sturtevant	6 25	
Mrs. J. Nute	10 00	
Mrs. M. Short	3 00	
Ann W. Harden	6 00	
Sabin N. Scribner	7 00	
Albert A. Tilden	7 00	
Annie E. English	4 50	
Michael Winn	3 00	
W. C. Fickett	35 00	
		$218 65

INCIDENTALS.

Appropriated		$300 00
J. L. Hammett	$47 90	
O. S. Howe	5 25	
William Allen	35 00	
Boston Journal	2 25	
J. Burrill	53 40	
W. C. Fickett	5 75	
E. S. Whitmarsh, jun.	12 00	
Knight, Adams & Co.	2 85	
L. W. Richards	28 00	
E. Hinckley	1 50	
Smith & Anthony	30 00	
Edmund Ford	2 20	
B. W. Keith	1 00	
Isaac N. Nutter	40 49	
A. H. Andrews	9 00	
Alger & Co.	6 45	
M. L. Webber	1 35	
Gammons & Nutter	3 31	
F. S. Strong, cash paid	1 27	
Unexpended	11 03	
	———	$300 00

REPAIRS.

Appropriated		$500 00
John Vosmus	$1 25	
S. R. Newhall	15 25	
Gammons & Nutter	73 78	
E. W. Nutter, cash paid	1 00	
Howard Clark & Co.	7 50	
Ezra T. Sampson	12 00	
M. S. Curtis	57 89	
Hayward & Chamberlain	119 61	
William M. Judkins	21 70	
Albion Benson	2 50	
E. B. Stoddard	1 50	
J. G. Knapp	4 25	
Enoch Freeman	1 50	
J. A. Swasey	15 00	
East Bridgewater Iron Company	39 37	
Carver Cotton Gin Company	10 92	
S. L. Seaver	14 86	
William Reed	14 50	
Benjamin Alden	1 20	
M. P. Hudson	10 00	
George L. Jones	2 00	
E. T. Fuller	3 65	
E. P. Reed & Co.	33 79	
Unexpended	34 98	
		$500 00

Amount of orders drawn on Treasurer of Town,	$5,016 34
Amount to be drawn at end present term . .	1,124 65
	$6,140 99

RECAPITULATION.

Amount available		$6,401 08
Paid for teaching	$4,832 25	
Fuel and preparing . . .	228 10	
Care of houses	218 65	
Insurance	108 00	
Incidental Expenses . . .	288 97	
Repairs	465 02	
Unexpended	260 09	
		$6,401 08

L. W. RICHARDS,
Treasurer of School Committee.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS., February, 1880.

FIFTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS

—OF—

EAST BRIDGEWATER

—FOR THE—

Financial Year Ending Feb. 1st,

1881.

ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 14th, 1881.

PLYMOUTH:
AVERY & DOTEN, STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.
1881.

Town Officers of East Bridgewater, 1880.

TOWN CLERK.

FRANK SMITH.

TREASURER.

ISAAC N. NUTTER.

COLLECTOR.

GEORGE A. WHEELER.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

E. S. WHITMARSH, JOSHUA DEAN, HENRY GURNEY.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FREDERIC S. STRONG, E. W. NUTTER, ROBERT O. HARRIS.

AUDITORS.

L. W. RICHARDS, JOHN E. WATERMAN, CHARLES H. EDSON.

CONSTABLES.

WILLIAM M. JUDKINS, JOHN SCRIBNER,
THOMAS S. H. ROUNSVILLE, ENOCH FREEMAN.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

District.		District.	
1.	I. N. NUTTER,	6.	ELIAB LATHAM,
2.	SEARS R. FROST,	7.	NEWTON M. KEEN,
3.	WILLIAM F. KEEN,	8.	J. E. WATERMAN,
4.	SUPT. OF ALMSHOUSE,	9.	JAMES S. ALLEN,
5.	GEORGE W. HARDEN,	10.	WALDO HAYWARD.

FENCE VIEWERS.

SAMUEL KEITH, HENRY GURNEY.

FIELD DRIVERS.

WILLIAM H. JUDKINS, WILLIAM RAMSDELL.

MEASURERS OF WOOD.

JOHN E. WATERMAN, NOAH A. WASHBURN.

WEIGHERS OF COAL.

JOHN E. WATERMAN, GEORGE A. WRIGHT.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

CHARLES H. GOSS, LUTHER CHURCHILL, JR., HIRAM ERSKINE.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

HENRY A. GROW.

SEXTON

MELVIN L. WEBBER.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

Liabilities.

Building road at Elmwood	
Note payable Oct. 1, 1881, money used for High School building	$1,850 00

Assets.

Due from Commonwealth for State aid	$986 00
Due from Commonwealth for aid to indigent soldiers	71 00
Bills due Almshouse	28 04
Jeremiah Dunn estate	677 74
Due from other towns	28 58
Cash in treasury	1,319 38
	$3,110 74

Since the accounts were audited we have paid a bill of $23.47, which should have been included in our report. We now know of no bills against the town.

STATE AID.

PAID FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1880, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1881.

Harriet Eddy	$48 00	Sarah B. Gould	$48 00
Sarah C. Hudson	48 00	Betsey A. Hale	48 00
Mary Hudson	48 00	H. F. McCarter	48 00
Mary S. Ripley	48 00	Lydia A. Sylvester	48 00
Thankful O. Trow	48 00	Eunice S. Bryant	44 00
Eldridge Winsor	72 00	Charles L. Jones	72 00
E. W. Nutter	72 00	Lydia A. Hale	48 00
Perez Williams	72 00	B. F. Ellis	36 00
Harriet Vosmos	48 00	William L. Morey	15 00
Harriet Vosmos for January, 1880	4 00		$915 00

AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Joseph M. Whitman	$82 00
Charles D. Hatch	20 00
Ferender C. Negus	8 00
William Shaw	8 00
	$118 00

INCIDENTALS.

Rand, Avery & Co., printing report	$116 80
C. W. Sumner, counsel fees, 1879	10 00
B. W. Keith, postage stamps	3 00
Quincy Insurance Company	55 25
Alger & Co.'s express	2 25
Rand, Avery & Co., printing	8 00
George M. Keith, moderator two years	6 00
Jarvis Burrell, printing	19 40
B. W. Keith, postal cards	12 00
William H. Whitman, by-laws	2 65
John M. Whiting, pointing	5 00
East Bridgewater Iron Company, cinder	25 00
I. N. Nutter, account books, etc.	4 35
M. L. Webber, horse hire	5 00
J. W. Richards	3 00
Henry Gurney, railroad fares	4 55
E. S. Whitmarsh, railroad fares	16 90
Loring Holbrook & Son	3 25
Abatement of taxes	66 63
Francis Hayward, shoveling snow	1 20
Waldo Hayward, shoveling snow	1 00
Mark P. Hudson, shoveling snow	1 40
E. F. Sampson, shoveling snow	1 00
Amount carried forward	$373 63

Amount brought forward	$373 63
A. W. Blanchard, shoveling snow	90
J. G. Knapp, shoveling snow	40
A. Washburn, shoveling snow	5 00
George W. Harden, shoveling snow	1 80
James Mahoney, shoveling snow	70
Decoration of soldiers' graves	100 00
Eliab Latham, building wall at Satucket, 1879	7 00
George L. Chamberlain, building wall at Satucket, 1879	16 31
William Green, building wall at Satucket, 1879	11 63
Edwin Hayward, building wall at Satucket, 1879	5 06
Reuben Harden, building wall at Satucket, 1879	50
William M. Judkins, service and attendance at fire inquest	12 30
George A. Wheeler, service of summons for witnesses	10 25
Paid six jurors	15 96
Paid fifteen witnesses	27 20
Paid carriage hire for jury	5 50
	$594 14

Repairs of Highways.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS WAS ALLOTED TO EACH DISTRICT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Paid—

I. N. Nutter, Surveyor	$50 12
David Roach	52 50
Zenas W. Sturtevant	15 54
Patrick Quigley	1 50
Eleazer Whitman	25 72
William Reed	4 50
Henry Gurney	64 52
Daniel W. Noyes	9 00
Owen McGuire	13 50
Vernon H. Whitman	4 50
William P. Corthell	5 60
East Bridgewater Iron Company	3 00
	$250 00

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Paid—

Sears R. Frost, Surveyor	$67 82
E. W. Barrows	67 35
David Roach	50 75
Dana F. Edson	33 60
Lewis P. Raymond	1 50

Isadus Fuller	$6 04
Martin Round	9 23
Wm. M. Judkins	5 55
James Eaton	2 16
Richard B. Sturtevant	3 00
Benjamin F. Edson	3 00
	$250 00

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Paid—

William F. Keen, Surveyor	$127 15
James Brown	39 25
David Pratt	3 00
Jason Harden	1 50
William H. Gaffney	37 50
Benjamin F. Churchill	13 00
Aaron Ramsdell	18 60
Henry Gurney	10 00
	$250 00

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Paid—

C. E Blackwell, Superintendent of Almshouse	$250 00

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Paid—

George W. Harden, Surveyor	$70 23
Allen Washburn	45 00
Luther Harden	13 50
Eldridge Winsor	3 00
William S. Sampson	3 00
Joseph T. Hathaway	1 50
Charles Thrasher	5 25
E. H. Brown	18 50
Thomas H. Bouldry	11 25
Nathaniel S. Bouldry	11 25
Ernest W. Lindsey	4 80
E. F. Sampson	25 07
Alonzo Sharp	19 25
David H. Gurney	18 40
	$250 00

DISTICT NO. 6.

Paid—

Eliab Latham, Surveyor	$79 62
George W. Harden	23 75
Galen Latham	20 48
Charles A. Latham	20 00
James W. Latham	28 12
William A. Bradman	41 38
Arthur Harris	2 25
John H. Hathaway	2 50
William Green	3 75
William A. Dyson	50
Freedom Keith	3 00

J. L. Tyler	$6 25
S. C. Keith	4 55
William Desmond	3 00
Daniel Geary	4 35
Nathaniel Perkins	50
Samuel Keith	2 00
Albert Holly	2 00
Jacob Hill	2 00
	$250 00

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Paid—

Newton M. Keene, Surveyor	$76 50
Walter L. Benson	30 00
David W. Gurney	24 00
Levi W. Noyes	29 10
Joseph Lafland	13 50
H. W. White	41 76
Joseph M. Lowcraft	9 00
J. Briggs	3 00
A. Bond	2 00
Sherman & Carver	7 40
George Mitchell's estate	13 74
	$250 00

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Paid—

John E. Waterman, Surveyor	$21 75
Gilbert Sunderling	2 75
Joseph Laform	5 63
Jeremiah Dunn	21 01
Patrick Quigley	7 50

Adolph Fertur	$16 50
Timothy Bredeau	20 41
Joseph Lynch	11 25
E. L. Clark	16 50
M. Jenkins	32 25
David Roach	39 00
East Bridgewater Iron Company	34 13
John Cook	8 25
Joseph Lafland	75
Howe Brick Company	6 75
James Eaton	3 36
Isadus Fuller	69
	$248 48

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Paid—

James S. Allen, Surveyor	$20 35
Waldo Hayward	8 37
Francis Hayward	63 25
Bela Hayward	11 00
J. M. Richards	7 88
Samuel F. White	32 75
Rufus A. Littlefield	49 50
Galen Willis	3 75
O. W. Bradford	5 85
David Allen	9 60
Galen Allen	3 30
Freeman Cushman	8 25
Sidney Allen	1 43
Michael Feeney	75
Michael Feeney, Jr.	7 20
Luther Richards	16 77
	$250 00

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Waldo Hayward, Surveyor	$119 78
Nathaniel K. Richardson	33 00
Eben Tisdale	14 85
Francis Hayward	20 02
Bela Hayward	2 51
Galen Willis	30 65
Richard S. Higgins	3 60
William D. Higgins	13 05
Samuel F. White	12 50
	$249 96

BRIDGES.

Paid—

Francis Hayward	$3 75
Henry Gurney	25 25
E. P. Reed & Co	28 37
E. L. Clark	1 00
Superintendent of Almshouse	14 25
Charles H. Goss	6 46
	$79 08

ALMSHOUSE.

Paid—

Superintendent of the Almshouse for building cattle yard, hen-house, cesspool, and grading necessary to be performed in consequence of building a new barn and removing the old one	$210 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid—

Frederic S. Strong, School Committee	$33 75
Edmund W. Nutter, School Committee	70 50
Robert O. Harris, School Committee	117 61
Robert O. Harris, Auditor	16 25
Charles H. Goss, Selectman to March 8, 1880	8 00
Ezra Kingman, Selectman to March 8, 1880	31 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor	265 00
Joshua Dean, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor	52 50
Henry Gurney, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor	152 80
I. N. Nutter, Treasurer	100 00
George A. Wheeler, Collector	121 72
Frank Smith, Town Clerk	60 00
William M. Judkins, Constable	42 00
M. L. Webber, Sexton	65 00
	$1,136 13

BARN ON THE ALMSHOUSE FARM.

Paid—

The Superintendent of Almshouse for labor	$120 00
George L. Chamberlain for labor	38 25
Edwin S. Hayward for lumber	31 71
E. P. Reed & Co. for lumber	710 78
Rogers & Sheldon for nails	35 50
J. E. Waterman for lime	7 05
William M. Judkins for brick	32 37
E. B. Stoddard for hardware	4 28

Gammons & Nutter for hardware	$34 26
John M. Whiting for labor	29 15
Warren Brown for labor	21 00
Charles E. Gaffney for labor	23 75
Abner Jackson for labor	68 61
George B. Howland for labor	103 75
John H. Vosmos for labor	30 00
Isadus Fuller for labor	28 69
William Ramsdell for labor	21 00
Thomas A. Herrick for labor	3 37
Samuel Pool for labor	2 00
S. W. Richmond for stone	18 83
	$1,364 35

HIGH SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Paid—

Albion K. Benson	$6 00
Michael Feeney, Jr.	14 80
Michael Gorman	4 25
Daniel Desmond	3 00
Andrew Nevill	6 75
Zenas Sturtevant	12 75
Daniel Geary	3 00
Patrick Dreslane	1 50
James Kaven	6 75
M. L. Webber	10 50
I. N. Nutter	24 88
C. W. Siddall	8 94
Joshua Dean	4 25
Superintendent of Almshouse	16 38
Rogers & Sheldon	31 25
William M. Judkins	98 40

John E. Waterman	$18 75
Chas. H. Goss	55 41
Gammons & Nutter	85 89
A. W. Hastings & Co	100 22
E. P. Reed & Co	698 34
Isadus Fuller	69 19
Samuel L. Ryder	570 15
John M. Whiting	229 50
Minot S. Curtis	130 42
Old Colony & Newport Railway	2 42
A. C. Thompson	50
	$2,214 19

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

For repairs of highways	$2,498 44
For incidentals, shoveling snow, fire inquest and decoration of soldiers' graves	594 14
For payment of Town officers	1,136 13
For poor in Almshouse	1,201 79
For poor out of Almshouse, 1879	600 36
For poor out of Almshouse, 1880	794 73
For barn at Almshouse	1,364 35
For improvements at Almshouse	210 00
For State Aid	915 00
For Aid to indigent soldiers	118 00
For High School House	2,214 19
For Bridges	79 08
	$11,726 91

LIST OF PERSONS

Proposed by the Selectmen to serve as Jurors for 1881 :

George W. Allen,
Charles H. Brown,
Luther Churchill, Jr.,
Wellington Caldwell,
Henry Gurney,
George B. Howland,
Luther Harden,
Isaac N. Keith
Newton M. Keen,
Zebina Keith,
Eliab Latham,
Edmund W. Nutter,
Francis W. Porter,
William Ramsdell,
Frank Smith,
Samuel Shaw,
Benjamin Ward,
Robert Young.

Granville C. Allen,
James Brown,
Newton Churchill,
Edward F. Field,
Abbot T. Hewitt,
George W. Harden,
George M. Keith,
Lysander Keith,
Samuel Keith,
A. Harris Latham,
Martin McLauthlin,
David Pratt,
Nathan Pool,
Ezra F. Sampson,
Minot C. Shaw,
William Vinton,
Noah A. Washburne,

E. S. WHITMARSH,
JOSHUA DEAN,
HENRY GURNEY,
} *Selectmen of East Bridgewater.*

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

VALUATION FOR 1880.

Real estate	$965,400
Personal estate	278,440
Total	$1,243,840
Number of polls	746
Tax on each poll	$2
Rate of taxation	.0118

State tax	$1,155 00
County tax	1,524 42
Town tax	12,800 00
Added for convenience	689 87
Committed September	$16,169 29
Subsequently taxed 7 polls	14 00
Total amount committed for collection	$16,183 29

Lost by fractions two cents.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1880.

For—

Schools	$5,000 00
Repairs of school property	400 00
School incidentals	300 00
Highways	2,500 00
Bridges	300 00
Town officers	1,000 00
Incidentals	600 00
Decorating soldiers' graves	100 00
Barn at Almshouse	1,300 00
Deficiency last year	1,300 00
	$12,800 00

E. S. WHITMARSH,
JOSHUA DEAN,
HENRY GURNEY,
} *Assessors.*

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE.

DR.

To inventory February 1, 1880	$1,453 20
M. Crooker's salary two months	66 66
C. E. Blackwell, ten months	291 64
Dr. Millet, medical attendance	25 00
Cash from Treasury	818 49
	$2,654 99

CR.

By inventory February 1, 1881	$1,578 20
Cost of supporting the poor	1,076 79
	$2,654 99
Number of inmates during the year	13
Average number, very nearly	10 6-10
Cost per week for support, very nearly	$1 95
Present number	9

AID TO POOR PERSONS OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1880.

Paid—

Town of South Abington for support of Susannah Hayden	$240 00
Town of Scituate for aid to Mrs. Leander Osborne and family	82 50
Town of West Bridgewater for aid to George W. Osborne	80 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts for support of Rose Gerald	126 99
Town of Scituate for aid to Albert Osborne	18 75
Taunton Lunatic Hospital for board of Nathaniel S. Bouldry	14 39
Taunton Lunatic Hospital for board of Hannah Dunn	14 39
Frank Bryant	8 00
Daniel Geary	5 00
Sophronia Carter	84
Sophia Harlow	5 00
George Jenkins	4 50
	$600 36

All of the above expenditures were incurred and should have been paid last year.

AID TO POOR PERSONS OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1881.

Paid—

Taunton Lunatic Hospital for board of Nathaniel S. Bouldry	$189 02
Taunton Lunatic Hospital for board of Hannah Dunn	178 17
City of Lynn, aid to the Conners children	34 00
City of Boston, aid to Peter Foley	4 00
City of Boston, aid to Mrs. Frank Burns	2 44
City of Lowell, aid to Catherine Quinn	23 00
Town of Natick, aid to Charles D. Hatch	116 00
Town of Brockton, aid to Andrew P. Young and family	23 75
Town of Brockton, aid to A. L. Soule and family	2 00
For Susannah Hayden	92 50
Mrs. Feeney	7 50
Mrs. Dugan	14 52
Benjamin H. Fisher and family	4 75
Joseph M. Whitman and family	5 00
George Jenkins and family	9 50
Sophia Harlow, belongs in Brockton	60 00
James Walker, belongs in Easton	5 00
Ellen I. Atwood and child, belong in Hanson	15 49
Henry P. Caswell and family, belong in Taunton	8 09
	$794 73
Received from other towns	74 00
Net aid to poor out of the Almshouse	$720 73

E. S. WHITMARSH,
JOSHUA DEAN,
HENRY GURNEY,
Overseers of the Poor.

TOWN MEETING.

PLYMOUTH, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of East Bridgewater, in the County of Plymouth :

GREETING :

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, You are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of East Bridgewater qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Town, on Monday, the fourteenth day of March, A. D., 1881, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To act on the reports of Town officers.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all necessary Town officers.

ARTICLE 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay all Town charges.

ARTICLE 5. To determine the manner of repairing the highways.

ARTICLE 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 9. To act on a list of jurors proposed by the Selectmen.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up a copy thereof at the Post Offices, and also, at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said East Bridgewater, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-sixth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.

E. S. WHITMARSH,
JOSHUA DEAN,
HENRY GURNEY,
} *Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater.*

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

GEORGE A. WHEELER, *Collector*,

In account with the TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

To amount of commitment	$16,183 29
To interest	44 78
Total	$16,228 07

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By amount collected	$16,228 07

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correct, and also that we have seen vouchers for the entire amount.

J. E. WATERMAN,
L. W. RICHARDS,
C. H. EDSON,
Auditors.

I have received from the Assessors the following abatements:

William Anderson, residence unknown	$2 00
Henry Burgess, residence unknown	2 00
John H. Chadwick, unable to pay	2 00
Thomas Cook, not taxable	2 00
Clarendon F. Cobb, taxed in Brockton	2 00
Michael Feeney, Jr., unable to pay	2 00
William D. Higgins, residence unknown	2 00
Charles H. W. Jewett, taxed in Brockton	2 00
Joseph Kingston, not taxable	2 00
Baalis S. Littlefield, not taxable	2 47
James Lynch, residence unknown	2 00
Joseph Lombard, residence in Florida	2 00
John Lee, not taxable	2 00
Stephen N. Leonard, residence unknown	2 00
James Mahoney, not taxable	2 00
Samuel R. McKensie, paid tax in Charlestown	2 00
James R. Osborne, not taxable	2 00
Hervey Planch, residence unknown	2 00
Luther W. Phillips, dead	3 18
Mark Phillips, paid tax in Fall River	2 00
George R. Ryder, dead	2 00
A. N. Strong, residence unknown	2 00
Albert S. Sturtevant, not taxable	2 00
Frederick Sprague, not taxable	2 00
Thomas Wilder, not taxable	2 00
William White, not taxable	2 00
Estate Nathan Kingman taxed twice	12 98
	$66 63

GEORGE A. WHEELER, *Collector.*

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer*,

In account with the TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

1880.		Balance as per previous report.....	$675 31
March	9.	Hon. George Marston, fees as referee refunded.....	7 50
March	9.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank on note.	1,000 00
March	23.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank on note.	1,000 00
April	3.	William J. Shaw for real estate formerly owned by Nathaniel Boldry.....	273 50
April	19.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank on note.	1,000 00
May	8.	Town of South Abington, balance due on settlement.....	87 68
June	4.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank on note..	2,000 00
June	21.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank on note.	1,000 00
July	6.	Timothy Mitchell for release of real estate taxed to George Osborne.....	17 19
July	13.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank on note.	1,000 00
Aug.	4.	State Treasurer on account of corporation tax.....	75
		Amount carried forward.....	$8,061 93

		Amount brought forward	$8,061 93
Aug.	21.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank on note payable Oct. 1, 1881.	1,850 00
Aug.	21.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest.	2 78
Sept.	7.	Town of Hanson, aid to Ellen J. Atwood.	14 00
Sept.	27.	Selectmen, amount received from County Treasurer for damage to sheep of John Porter	10 00
Oct.	5.	B. W. Keith and others for old materials from High School building	2 81
Oct.	13.	Harrison G. Byram for release of real estate sold for tax	12 76
Dec.	9.	State Treasurer, corporation tax.	1,061 14
		State Treasurer, National bank tax.	811 61
		State Treasurer, State aid.	869 00
		State Treasurer, relief of indigent soldiers	193 25
1881.			
Jan.	14.	County Treasurer, dividend on dog tax.	133 74
Jan.	25.	Town of Brockton, aid to Sophia Harlow	55 00
Jan.	26.	State Treasurer, income of Massachusetts School fund	187 56
Jan.	31.	Town of Easton, aid to James Walker.	5 00
Feb.	4.	Town of West Bridgewater, tuition of pupils.	82 55
Feb.	12.	James Eaton, tax bill for 1880.	12 98
Feb.	12.	George A. Wheeler, Collector, tax of 1880, including interest collected.	16,228 07
			$29,594 18

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1880.			
March 9.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank interest.		$28 48
March 23.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank interest.		26 11
April 19.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank interest.		22 50
June 4.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank interest.		33 33
June 21.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank interest.		14 17
July 13.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank interest.		12 50
Aug. 4.	State Treasurer on account of corporation tax.		27 40
Sept. 15.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, two notes		2,000 00
Sept. 20.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note		1,000 00
Oct. 1.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, three notes		4,000 00
Oct. 28.	County Treasurer, County tax for 1880		1,524 42
Oct. 28.	Town of Hanson, tax		48
Dec. 10.	State Treasurer, State tax for 1880		1,155 00
Dec. 11.	G. A. Wheeler, Collector, five tax bills on real estate held by Town, sold for non-payment of taxes of former years :		
	James Eaton	$12 98	
	George W. Dean	59	
	Willis Harden	8 03	
	Charles W. Harden	2 36	
	Mary Brown	9 91	
			$33 87
	Amount carried forward		$9,878 26

	Amount brought forward.....			$9,878 26
1881.				
Feb. 7.	G. A. Wheeler, Collector, tax of 1880 on real estate taxed to the following named three persons, and sold for non-payment of said tax, expense of sale, deed, etc., included :			
	John Enwright	$4 87		
	Benjamin F. Jackson.....	4 99		
	Abby Farrar.....	7 63		
				$17 49
Feb. 11.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank interest.			41 62
	Orders drawn by Selectmen outstanding at date of last report.			280 93
	Orders drawn by Selectmen.			11,726 21
	Orders drawn by School Committee outstanding at date of last report... ...			1,124 65
	Orders drawn by School Committee....			5,205 64
				$28,274 80
	Cash on hand.....			1,319 38
				$29,594 18

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer.*

East Bridgewater, Feb. 19, 1881.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have carefully examined the accounts of the Selectmen, School Committee, Treasurer, the Assessors and Collector, and report as follows:

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer	$11,726 21
Amount of orders paid by the Treasurer	11,726 21

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer	$5,205 54
Amount of orders paid by the Treasurer	5,205 54

TREASURER.

Amount received during the year	$29,594 18
Amount paid out during the year	28,274 80
Cash on hand	$1,319 38

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection	$16,183 29
Interest	44 78
	$16,228 07
Amount paid to Treasurer	$16,228 07

The Collector has exhibited to us the Treasurer's receipt for the above amount.

We deem it our duty to compliment the various officers whose accounts we have audited for the very careful and accurate manner in which they have kept their accounts.

CHARLES H. EDSON,
J. E. WATERMAN,
L. W. RICHARDS,
} *Auditors.*

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

1880.		Receipts.	
Feb.	1.	Cash on hand	$9 97
	4.	Reading	5 00
	19.	Unitarian Society	6 00
March	17.	High School	4 00
	22.	Star Temperance Union	4 50
	25.	Unitarian Society	6 00
April	16.	Dance	6 00
	29, 30, & May 1.	Unitarian Society fair	17 50
Aug.	9.	C. S. King	8 00
Sept.	9.	Spauldings	10 00
Oct.	12.	Union Society	6 50
	13.	Unitarian Sunday School	3 00
	19.	Caucus	3 00
	22.	Dance	12 00
	30.	Lecture	5 00
Nov.	10.	Dance	8 00
	12.	Dance	12 00
	18.	Methodist Society	6 00
		Amount carried forward	$132 47

		Amount brought forward	$132 47
Nov.	24.	Prof. Harrington	10 00
	25.	Received of Garfield and Arthur Club	27 00
	25.	G. S. Wentworth	3 00
Dec.	1.	R. O. Harris	3 00
	14.	Unitarian Society	5 00
	15.	Uncle Tom's Cabin	10 00
	16.	E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr	30 00
	19.	Temperance lecture	2 50
	25.	Unitarian Society	5 00
	28.	High School	5 00
1881.			
Jan.	1.	Unitarian Society	6 00
	31.	E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr.	48 00
			$286 97

1880. EXPENDITURES.

Paid—

March	1.	Elijah Hinckley	$3 00
April	1.	John Hobart	3 00
May	2.	Isadus Fuller	19 50
June	19.	John Hobart	1 10
July	9.	Gammons & Nutter	5 18
Aug.	9.	I. N. Nutter	75
Oct.	1.	Isadus Fuller	11 00
Nov.	1.	Isadus Fuller	11 50
Dec.	1.	Isadus Fuller	19 00
	14.	Joshua Dean	7 00
1881.			
Jan.	1.	Gammons & Nutter	21 85
	1.	Isadus Fuller	16 00
		Amount carried forward	$118 88

		Amount carried forward	$118 88
Feb.	1.	Minot S. Curtis, painting hall	106 00
	1.	S. L. Ryder, building staging	20 00
	1.	Rogers & Sheldon	1 55
	1.	Frank Smith	1 25
	1.	Gammons & Nutter	4 43
	1.	Isadus Fuller	14 00
	1.	Joshua Dean	4 39
	1.	Frank Smith, Secretary of Committee	10 00
	1.	Cash on hand	6 47
			$286 97

JOSHUA DEAN,
I. N. NUTTER,
FRANK SMITH. } *Committee.*

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing account of the Town Hall Committee, and find the items thereof properly entered and vouched for.

J. E. WATERMAN,
C. H. EDSON,
L. W. RICHARDS. } *Auditors.*

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

Thirty-four marriages have been recorded during the year 1880.

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence.
1880.	
Jan. 1.	S Albert Sturtevant of East Bridgewater and Lydia A. Lang of Brockton. By Rev. Samuel L. Beal.
Jan. 1.	George W. Robbins of Stoughton and Deborah T Inglee of Halifax. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Feb. 22.	Ira C. Tinkham and Florence M. Trow, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
April 3.	Charles Walter Pratt and Ella A. Wade, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
April 6.	James W. Sayles and Anna B. McCarty, both of Somerset. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
April 15.	John C. Underwood of East Bridgewater and Rachel L. Lawrence of Boston. By Rev. A. B. Kendig.
April 21.	Robert O. Harris of East Bridgewater and Josephine D. Gorton of Newport, R. I. By Rev. G. J. Magill.
April 21.	A. Harris Latham and Harriet J. Griffin, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
April 22	Peter C. Keith of Easton and Mary Lubey of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
May 2.	Robert J. Mitchell and Mary A. Flynn, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. E. H. Gushee.

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence.
May 28.	Frank W. McCarter and Caroline H. Vosmus, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
June 10.	John T. Paine of Wakefield and Hannah H. Taft of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Joseph Jenks.
June 19.	Daniel Hines of Hanson and Lucy J. Howe of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Joshua L. Gay.
June 24.	Michael Sullivan of West Bridgewater and Mary A. Doody of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
July 4.	Albert W. Holmes of Bridgewater and Lydia A. Gardner of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
July 21.	Everett N. Richardson of East Bridgewater and Lillie C. Gardner of Brockton. By Rev. W. J. Smith.
Sept. 12.	John H. Montague and Lizzie W. Clapp, both of South Abington. By Robert O. Harris, Esq.
Sept. 19.	Albert G. Bloomstrand and Ida F. Vosmus, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Jacob Baker.
Sept. 19.	Granville C. Monroe of East Bridgewater and Nellie F. Wilson of Hanson. By Rev. E. Alden, Jr.
Sept. 23.	George C. Estes and Emma H. Keith, both of Hanson. By Rev. W. J. Smith.
Sept. 26.	James Dillon and Annie Winn, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
Oct. 14.	Lot Campbell and Mary A. Garvey, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
Oct. 19.	Daniel L. Reed of South Abington and Lucia A. Whitman of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Oct. 20.	Nahum Poole and Rebecca T. Gavett, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. M. J. Savage.

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence.
Oct. 23.	George M. Monroe and Ella J. Nash, both of Abington. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Oct. 24.	James H. Sampson of South Abington and Ida Josephine Willis of Hanson. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Oct. 31.	Patrick N. Curley and Ellen Roach, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
Nov. 4.	Edmund L. Weston of Bridgewater and Susan E. Ward of East Bridgewater. By. Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Nov. 20.	James N. Sweeting and Diana Allen, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Joshua L. Gay.
Nov. 24.	Howard Paine and Mary Frances Cook, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
Nov. 24.	Chalmers T. Piper of Brockton and Lucy A. Kingman of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Caleb T. Piper.
Nov. 25.	Edward B. Curtis of East Bridgewater and Annie G. Hagan of Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
Dec. 22.	Frank Humble of South Abington and Georgiana Keith of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Frank P. Tompkins.
Dec. 24.	Henry M. Howard of Brockton and Sarah B. Dunbar of East Bridgewater.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1880.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1880.		
Jan. 9,	Allen Thomas Whitman,	Ezekiel and Emma J.
" 28,	Katherine Field Millet,	Francis D. and Elizabeth M.
Feb. 1,	Minnie A. Skillings,	George E. and A. M. B.
" 4,	——— Dunbar,	Horace P. and Ellen F.
March 8,	Albert Francis Raymond,	Charles W. and Etta J.
" 18,	Florence Newton Churchill,	Frank N. and Florence W.
May 1,	James Burke,	Michael and Ellen.
" 12,	Florence Cavanaugh,	David and Alice E.
" 17,	Patrick Feeney,	Michael and Mary.
" 31,	Lizzie Hennessey,	Michael and Catharine.
June 1,	Annie Cunningham,	James and Bridget.
" 9,	Thomas Joseph Timmons,	James and Catharine.
" 11,	Annie Maria Carroll,	John W. and Annie.
July 9,	Edward Francis Hagan,	Peter and Mary A.
" 30,	Sarah Cornish Bourne,	Isaac N. and Martha J.
Aug. 5,	Joseph Anthony Carroll,	Patrick F. and Bridget.
" 19,	Maria Bates Harden,	Albert and Elizabeth T.
Sept. 4,	Albena Micheaux,	Joseph and Hermaline.
" 25,	Anna Bernier,	Firren and Mary.
Oct. 18,	Arthur Chadwick Atwood,	Charles L. and Ellen I.
Nov. 2,	Maggie Hill,	William J. and Susan.
" 17,	Mary Foley,	Patrick and Mary.
" 20,	Harrold Bassett Shaw,	Lester B. and Huldah M.
Dec. 13,	Clara Josephine Peaslee,	Hiram A. and Katie.
" 14,	——— Bunker,	Theodore E. and Anna.
" 19,	Tim David Napoleon Bodon,	Tim and Demerics.
" 20,	Martin Dillon,	James and Annie.
" 24,	Clifford Alton Eddy,	Allen P. and Arrah V.
" 26,	——— Van Amringe,	George C. and Thankful H.
" 27,	——— Sherman,	A. W. and M. W.
1879.		
April 17,	Maud Coleman Swift,	Herbert A. and Nellie T.
1878.		
Oct. 6,	Rose Anna Hagan,	Peter and Mary A.
" 20,	Forrest Barton Bates,	Albert and Lucretia L.

Whole number of births in 1880 30
Males 14
Females 16
Of foreign parentage 13

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1880.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES	AGE. Years.	Months	Days.	DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
1880.					
Jan. 12.	Eliza A. Pratt,	59	5	22	Consumption.
13,	James Condrick,	38	—	—	Accidental.
22,	Jeannett Reed,	78	5	12	Apoplexy.
26,	Imogene D. Dunphe,	41	6	28	Schirrus of Spleen.
27,	Simeon Wood,	70	10	4	Paralysis.
30,	Charlotte C. Allen,	30	—	28	Oedema of Lungs.
Feb. 4,	Jeannett Edson,	85	—	—	Paralysis.
8,	Hannah Lothrop,	94	9	5	Old Age.
11,	Sophronia Carter,	83	—	17	Consumption.
12,	——— Dunbar,	—	—	8	Peritonitis.
23,	Mary L. Keith,	68	6	16	Heart Disease.
24,	George W. Blanchard,	66	9	15	Chronic Prostatitis.
26,	Hannah L. Foley,	65	—	—	Old Age.
27,	Patrick W. Foley,	1	5	15	Abscess of Brain.
March 1,	Augusta B. Keith,	40	10	28	Tumor.
26,	Fanny B. Parker,	59	9	—	Tumor.
29,	Phebe S. Fisher,	66	7	24	Spinal Sclerosis.
April 2,	Heman Keith,	85	4	27	Old Age.
2,	Harriet N. Chandler,	55	10	16	Chronic Myelitis.
24,	Robert Curtis,	80	7	16	Bright's Disease.
26,	Nathaniel Porter,	74	10	23	Bright's Disease.
29,	Charles Rogers,	80	6	28	Old Age.
May 6,	Flora May Briggs,	11	2	3	Consumption.
6,	Edward Ropes,	70	—	—	Old Age.
29,	Mary Reed,	28	10	16	Dropsy.
June 13,	Joseph Chamberlain,	88	6	—	Old Age.
13,	Grace Winslow Sprague,	—	9	3	Meningitis.
30,	Seth Harden,	50	9	—	Spinal Sclerosis.
July 3,	Zebina Keith,	85	6	—	Old Age.
20,	Eunice Brown,	88	5	18	Old Age.
21,	Ezra Whitmarsh,	71	7	3	Stoppage.
28,	Baalis Sanford,	79	—	21	Bright's Disease.
Aug. 16,	Lucina Mitchell,	78	—	—	Chronic Rheumatism.
Sept. 6,	Charity B. Soule,	89	3	—	Old Age.
19,	George E. Ryder,	45	11	7	Gastritis.
22,	Luther W. Philips,	55	11	24	Congestion of Lungs.
Oct. 9,	Solomon Millett,	86	6	29	Organic Disease of Stomach.
20,	Cushing White,	58	3	—	Apoplexy.
21,	Thomas H. Cummings,	68	—	—	Heart Disease.
25,	Charles M. Short,	21	6	—	Typhoid Fever.
Dec. 1,	Robert Mitchell,	54	—	—	Heart Disease.
4,	Cynthia A. Morey,	75	4	4	Old Age.
9,	Dulcina Keith,	86	—	—	Pneumonia.
31,	Mary Foley,		1	14	Spasms.

Whole number of deaths in 1880..... 44

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

—OF THE—

Town of East Bridgewater

—FOR—

1880-81.

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REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At the last annual Town Meeting Mr. F. S. Strong was re-elected a member of the School Committee for a term of three years.

The Board was organized by the choice of F. S. Strong as Chairman, R. O. Harris as Secretary, and E. W. Nutter as Treasurer.

The schools were assigned for supervision as follows:

To Mr. Strong, the Central Grammar and the schools at Elmwood and Satucket.

To Mr. Harris, the High School and the schools at Beaver, Northville, Eastville and Curtisville.

To Mr. Nutter, the North, East, and West Primaries, and the Intermediate.

The Committee respectfully submit the following report of the condition and needs of the public schools:

Upon comparing the records of the schools with the enumeration of children of school age residing in town on the first of May, we find that the proportion of children not attending is small. As the reasons for the non-attendance of most of these are good ones, it is evident that the laws of the State upon this subject are generally

complied with. But one case of infraction of the laws in regard to the employment of children has come to the knowledge of the Committee, and in that case measures were taken resulting in the return of the child to school.

The school by-laws adopted at the last annual Town Meeting were subsequently approved by the Court, and are now in force.

The Committee have as yet had no occasion to proceed under them.

Their adoption prevented the forfeiture of our share of the income of the school fund.

We give below a list of teachers employed during the past year, and their respective schools:

High School.....	Wyman C. Fickett, *Principal.* Miss Jenny E. Chandler, *Assistant.*
Central Grammar.	H. W. Kittredge, *Principal.* Miss Sara E. Wilbar, *Assistant.* E. W. Nutter, *Principal*
Intermediate.....	Miss Sara E. Wilbar.
North Primary...	Miss Annie Keith. Miss Agnes Voight.
East Primary.....	Miss Ann W. Harden.
West Primary.....	Miss Lucy H. Keith.
Elmwood Grammar..	Miss M. M. Leonard.
Elmwood Primary...	Miss Lora G. Kingman.
Satucket.....	Miss M. Jennie Whitman.
Curtisvillle	Miss Ellen M. Buttomer.
Eastville.....	Miss Lura Whitmarsh. Miss Frances I. Leach.
Northville	Miss Fannie M. Gurney.

Beaver Grammar... { Miss Annie E. English. / Miss Lura Whitmarsh.

Beaver Primary... { Miss Lucy A. Kingman. / Miss Lura Burrill.

It will be seen by the above list that the number of changes during the year has been smaller than in either of the three years next preceding.

The disadvantages of frequent changes of teachers have been fully set out in former reports, and need not be repeated here.

Paying as we do small salaries, we are generally obliged to employ inexperienced teachers, and that is, of course, a disadvantage.

To overcome all these difficulties, the Committee have lately adopted a system which promises well.

Desiring that our own High School shall furnish us teachers, we require all graduates wishing to teach, to visit some school regularly for a certain time, observe the methods of the teacher, and assist in the management of the school.

Another year we propose to require all graduates wishing to teach, to apply to the Committee at the beginning of the year. The Committee will then assign each applicant to a school and require her to attend for a prescribed period and act as assistant to the teacher in charge.

The young teacher fails generally through lack of knowledge of children, and not for want of book knowledge. Too frequently she falls into the error of expect-

ing too much of her young charges, and, upon their failing to advance as rapidly as she thinks they ought, she is apt to think them dull and idle, and to resort to coercion. Such a course always results in evil to both teacher and taught, and retards rather than hastens progress. Children may be led when they cannot be driven, and this is one of the first lessons for the young teacher to learn. By being under some experienced and successful teacher for a term, she will learn how to manage children, and get the most work out of them by means of gentle methods.

We believe our graduates will avail themselves of this system for these reasons: They will be able to obtain schools in their own town and live at home; should they prefer to go elsewhere, they can obtain from the Committee a certificate of service that will enable them to obtain schools which might otherwise be refused them on the ground of inexperience.

The town will be benefited in this that, we shall have a corps of teachers constantly at hand to draw from, trained in our schools, thus avoiding the closing of schools in cases of sickness of teachers, and delays in opening schools, caused by difficulty in obtaining teachers in the middle of the school year, in cases of resignation.

High School.

At the close of the last school year, a class of ten completed the prescibed course of study, and were awarded diplomas by the Committee.

The graduating exercises were very interesting, and, as usual, attracted a large number of friends of the school.

The names of the graduating class are as follows :

Carrie M. Brett,	Lura J. Burrell,
Lizzie F. Clark,	Nellie M. Chandler,
Katie L. Doody,	Bertha A. Nash,
Sadie D. Noyes,	Hattie C. Sampson,
Sam A. Keith,	Charles C. Wing.

Twenty-eight candidates for admission to the High School presented themselves at the annual examination in July. Of these, seventeen answered correctly over sixty per cent. of the questions prepared for them and were admitted. Of the seventeen, four only answered seventy-five per cent., or over, of the questions, and were admitted unconditionally.

At the beginning of the present year the Committee allowed pupils from mixed schools who failed of admission to the High School in July, to attend the Central Grammar School. We believe this policy should be pursued in the future, because a pupil can pursue his studies to better advantage in a graded school, and can receive more personal attention from his teacher than in a mixed school.

The Committee have adopted seventy-five per cent. as the standard for unconditional admission, and from seventy-five per cent. to sixty-five per cent. as the range for conditional admission. Circumstances were such last year that the Committee deemed it wise to relax a little,

and admitted some who were a trifle below sixty-five per cent. We did it unwillingly, for we dislike to depart from our standard, and shall not do so another year. We consider sixty-five per cent. as low enough, and believe that a scholar who cannot answer correctly that per cent. of the questions, cannot be sufficiently well grounded to warrant his taking up the branches of study taught in the High School.

The rule of the Committee that, any pupil who, during the first term of membership falls fifteen per cent. below the average of his class shall be returned to the school from which he came, seems to have acted as a stimulus, for not one of those admitted has failed to keep well within the prescribed limit.

The number of pupils now attending is divided among four classes, as follows:

Senior	9
Sub-senior	8
Middle	16
Junior	16
Total	49

Some changes should be made in the course of study to meet the requirements of those who do not wish to, or cannot, take the full four years' course.

Intermediate.

The Committee have established a new school in the addition to the High School building. This school numbers fifty-seven pupils, fully as many as the room can ac-

commodate comfortably. Some twenty pupils will pass from the school into the Central Grammar next year. A school of this grade has long been needed, and its establishment has relieved our over-crowded Primaries, and will render our schools much more efficient.

Primaries.

The Primary schools should be especially well looked after and cared for, for it is in them that the foundations are laid in the child's mind on which to build his house of knowledge. As this foundation is well or ill-laid, so will the knowledge afterwards acquired be perfect and accurate, or full of flaws and treacherous. Any departure from a set course of study and training that will give a variety, and create an interest in the child in his study should be allowed and encouraged.

The modern methods of teaching have many valuable features. Their tendency is to depart from the old text-book system, and use the natural interest of a child in surrounding objects as a means of education.

While the Committee would by no means advocate the introduction of the Quincy method, so called, to its full extent, we think that some of its features might be adopted. Children are apt to weary of, and lose their interest in a text-book with which they have become familiar. Could a teacher use one reader, say for a term, and then exchange with another teacher for a different set, the interest of the children would be kept alive by this frequent change of matter for study.

Some of the admirable magazines for children might be subscribed for, and a few of the various objects used in primary teaching might be purchased at a small cost.

Some towns now furnish all the books and material used in the schools. This system has some advantages; it insures a uniformity of books in the schools; there is no delay caused by children not being provided with all their books at the beginning of the year or term; and changes of books can be made more easily and with less expense.

The books are not, of course, given to the scholars, but are owned by the town and are passed from class to class. The burden of expense is, of course, shifted by this system, and is borne in part by those who have no direct interest in the schools.

It adds a few cents to each man's tax, but lightens the expense to a poor man with several children.

The Committee do not recommend the adoption of this system.

They do, however, suggest the appropriation of a small sum for the purchase of some readers and other school material, and believe money so used would be money well used.

Condition of Schools.

All our schools are at present in a satisfactory condition, and our corps of teachers is a good one.

Our standard of scholarship is as high as that of any of the surrounding towns, except perhaps Brockton and one

or two of the larger towns. Our average of scholarship is as good as that of most of the towns in the County, we believe.

The relations between the teachers and pupils are in all cases of the pleasantest, as far as the Committee have any knowledge.

Tests.

The Committee have adopted a system of tests, which seems to work well. Once in each term we send out to each school having pupils of the first Grammar grade a set of questions upon each of the studies pursued, the questions being the same for all the schools. The papers of the scholars are sent in to the Committee and by them examined. The questions being prepared and the answers marked by one and the same hand, there is but one standard of marking, and consequently greater uniformity, and no chance for the personal bias of a teacher to affect the result.

Under this system, a school, or a single scholar, below the average grade is at once known, and the attention of teachers can be directed to weak points.

The Committee keep a record of the results of these tests, and the rank of each school or pupil can at once be seen, and progress or the lack of it known.

The system, although in use only one year, has proved so useful that we hope it may be continued in the future.

Condition of Property.

The Committee had available for repairs at the beginning of the year, a liberal amount of money, but we were compelled to expend so much in order to put the High School building in condition for use, that we deemed it advisable to let some of the larger repairs go over until another year.

It will be necessary to paint the house at Eastville, and to shingle the house at Curtisville another year.

At Beaver a new out-building is needed. The West Primary building still stands and is in use, but it is needless to say it has grown no better or more healthful by another year's occupation. That it will have to be replaced is certain, and the sooner it is done the better pleased will be the inhabitants of that district, and the Committee.

The blackboards in nearly all the buildings are in poor condition, and some provision must be made for their improvement.

At the Beaver Primary entire new boards are needed, as the present ones cannot be used, and are partly fallen out.

Water.

At the High School no water is to be had from the well, and the same is true at Northville. It is useless to try and keep the pumps in repair. The only true, and the most economical method, is to carry pipes from the wells, inside the buildings. This should be done first at the High School, as there are in that building three large schools, and it is very difficult to obtain water for so many from a distance, and water is a necessity.

Stoves.

Most of the buildings are now heated by means of air-tight stoves, but the Committee believe that the heating can be better and more economically accomplished with coal stoves, and that, as the present stoves become used up, they should be replaced by coal stoves.

Estimates.

The liberal appropriation for school purposes made by the Town has enabled the Committee to keep the school year at thirty-six weeks, and leave a small unexpended balance in the treasury ; but as the income from the State fund and other sources is gradually falling off, no reduction in this appropriation can safely be made.

The following are the estimated sums named for the support of schools :

School purposes	$5,000 00
Incidentals	250 00
Repairs	350 00
Books and material	50 00

The following tables show the number of children of school age in town on the first of May ; the number attending and the attendance of each school.

The results given are obtained in accordance with the new rule of the Board of Education.

F. S. STRONG,
E. W. NUTTER,
R. O. HARRIS,
School Committee.

East Bridgewater, Feb. 19, 1881.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of children between the ages of five and fifteen years in Town on the 1st of May...	477
Number attending school	462
Number over fifteen attending school.....	31
Average number belonging to the public schools for the year	477
Average number attending the public schools for the year.....	446

NAME OF SCHOOL.	Average Number Belonging.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Average Attendance.
High School	49.5	48	96
Central Grammar.....	49	46	95.5
Elmwood Grammar.....	22	21	94
Beaver Grammar.....	30	27	89.5
Intermediate.....	55	52	92
North Primary.....	41	36	87
East Primary.....	42.5	37.5	87
West Primary	45	39	91
Beaver Primary.....	28.5	25	89.5
Elmwood Primary.....	27	24	89
Eastville.....	23	20	88
Northville	29.5	28	93.5
Curtisville	19.5	18.5	94.5
Satucket.....	16	14	87

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Appropriation	$5,000 00
Received from State Treasurer	187 56
Received from County Treasurer	133 74
Received from Town of West Bridgewater	82 55
Amount available	$5,403 85

EXPENDITURES.

Teaching.

Paid—	
W. C. Fickett	$866 25
Jenny E. Chandler	326 00
L. W. Richards	25 00
H. W. Kittredge	132 00
E. W. Nutter	189 20
Sara E. Wilbar	224 40
Annie M. Keith	69 00
Agnes A. Voigt	111 60
Ann W. Harden	214 20
Mary M. Leonard	222 60
Lora G. Kingman	190 80
M. Jennie Whitman	215 60
Ellen M. Buttomer	215 60
Fannie M. Gurney	215 60
Annie E. English	108 00
Lura Whitmarsh	235 20
Lucy A. Kingman	142 80
Lura Burrill	42 00
Frances I. Leach	131 60
Lucy H. Keith	214 20
Amount of orders drawn	$4,091 65
Amount to be drawn at end of present term	794 75
	$4,886 40

CARE OF HOUSES.

Mrs. Kate Barrett	$24 00
E. W. Nutter	1 50
Ann W. Harden	6 00
Mrs. Jotham Nute	3 00
Annie M. Keith	3 00
Agnes A. Voigt	3 00
Sabin N. Scribner	3 00
Cecil C. Hoyt	3 00
Albert A. Tilden	3 00
Albert B. Edson	3 00
M. Jennie Whitman	3 00
Willie F. Fisher	3 00
Ellen M. Buttomer	6 00
Lura Whitmarsh	3 00
Frances I. Leach	3 00
Fannie M. Gurney	6 00
Alice and Elmer Whitmarsh	4 50
Lura Whitmarsh	3 00
Lucy A. Kingman	6 00
Mrs. Kate Barrett, cleaning	20 45
Mrs. Mary Winn, cleaning	8 85
Mrs. George Sites, cleaning	6 00
Mary A. Fisher, cleaning	3 50
Asena Vickery, cleaning	3 00
A. Frances Pratt, cleaning	3 00
Mrs. Lorinda Pratt, cleaning	3 00
Mrs. S. V. Chandler	5 00
Amount of orders drawn	$142 80
Amount to be drawn at end of term	90 25
	$233 05

FUEL AND PREPARING.

John Hobart, coal	$124 35
Joshua Dean, coal	11 62
Bosworth Bros., wood	88 03
Galen Latham, wood	12 62
Ernest W. Lindsey	4 00
E. S. Davenport	6 70
Hiram Peasley	10 50
John W. Harden	2 82
Isaac Lincoln	8 00
J. C. Pratt	4 00
	$272 64

RECAPITULATION.

Amount available for school purposes		$5,403 85
Paid for teaching	$4,091 65	
Paid for care of houses	142 80	
Paid for fuel and preparing	272 64	
Amount payable at end of term	885 00	
	$5,392 09	
Unexpended balance	11 76	
		$5,403 85

REPAIRS.

Paid—

C. H. Goss, boards	$1 65
S. L. Seaver, labor	1 25
Gammons & Nutter, furnace, etc	350 08
Samuel R. Newhall, labor	4 20
Isadus Fuller, labor	26 21
Boston School Supply Company, slating	7 00
John M. Whiting, labor	14 40
J. G. Knapp, labor	3 00
Carver Cotton Gin Company, labor	11 61

F. S. Strong, grading	$12 88
Minot S. Curtis, slating and blackboards	13 01
Michael Feeny, labor	9 35
John H. Vosmus, labor	2 50
	$457 14
Appropriation	400 00
Expended in excess of appropriation	57 14

INCIDENTALS.

J. H. Potter, cleaning clock	1 00
W. C. Fickett, books	9 85
Oscar E. Howe, brooms	3 50
J. L. Hammett, ink, etc	18 50
R. M. Yale & Co., awning, etc	4 50
H. L. Waterman, tacking school census	18 00
W. C. Fickett, diplomas	3 25
J. Eliot Bond, curtain	9 00
Jarvis Burrell, printing	12 65
Boston School Supply Company, books, etc	75 75
John Carter & Co., ink	4 80
F. S. Strong, thermometers	1 25
H. H. Carter, paper	4 70
I. N. Nutter, books, etc	35 84
Alger & Co.'s Express	8 05
E. W. Nutter, "Nurseries"	6 60
A. G. Whitcomb, furniture	22 50
J. E. Waterman, carting, etc	1 67
	$241 41
Unexpended balance	58 59
Appropriation	$300 00

E. W. NUTTER, *Treasurer of School Committee.*

FEBRUARY 19, 1881.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, APRIL 11, 1881.

Your Committee chosen March 14th, "to examine into the sanitary condition of the Alms House and the treatment of the poor therein, also as to the Cost of Supporting the Poor," have attended to their duties, and now submit their report:---

Our almshouse has been built about twenty years; it is in fair condition as to repairs, but not fully adapted in all respects to the present wants of the inmates, 9 in number besides the warden's family. Two rooms on the lower floor occupied by Mrs. Keene and Mrs. Ellen Edson are very small, less than seven feet by eleven, without means of ventilation except by the windows, and were found in an unsatisfactory condition, especially Mrs. Keene's. The nature of her disease is such as to require frequent change of bedding, fresh air, and constant care. Both apartments open from the sitting and dining room used by the paupers, and are warmed by a stove therein. The foulness of the air is increased by the presence of so many persons in this connecting room and was found on our first visit, the evening of our appointment, almost intolerable. Some means of ventilation should be provided. We think of no better mode at present than by flues connected with the narrow hall or alley, which extends through the house to the wood-shed and open air.

On the north side of the alley are situated the kitchen and two good sized rooms, one of which is occupied by Mr. Savory; this room is not warmed, but as he has had free access to the sitting-room and other parts of the house during the day and evening, he does not appear to have suffered from cold the past winter.

The committee recommend that one of these rooms be opened into the alley, and a large coal stove be placed therein which would warm all that portion of the house, including Savory's room. This space might be used as a common sitting-room for the male inmates, and also as a passage out doors, thus rendering less difficult than now the separation of the sexes when necessary.

Much annoyance has been experienced by the presence of the male inmates in the kitchen or cook room, which has been used as a passage way.

The chambers are of ample size, and partly warmed in winter. Some are probably hot in summer, the house being one-and-a-half stories in height. Each room should be ventilated from the central hall; this can easily be done by swinging windows over the doors, and will then be well adapted to the wants of the inmates.

Mrs. Hayden, a very old lady, blind and almost helpless, together with Miss Sybil Dunbar, an imbecile, occupies one of the chambers on the south side. She should be provided with a more comfortable place during the hot season. Mr. Wright has had some care of these persons during the day, carrying food and tending fire. He has lately been locked in his own room nights, at our request. This man is, without doubt, able to work, and should not be wholly supported by the town.

We again take occasion to urge the

separation of men and women in our almshouse.

Mrs. Edson's case calls for special notice. Physicians agree on her insanity, and that her malady requires her removal and seclusion from the male inmates, but that she should not be placed under close restraint. Her transfer to an insane asylum is not considered necessary or desirable, if proper provision can be made for her protection and seclusion under the particular care of the matron, or with friends in a private family. We have already forwarded to the *Overseers of the Poor the following vote*, passed Apr. 4, 1881:

"We, as a Committee of Investigation into the management of the alms house, would respectfully, but earnestly, recommend that Mrs. Edson be removed to some other part of the house; that the evils now existing may cease at once." (Signed by all the members of the Committee.)

Should no room be found for her at the west end of the house, occupied by the Warden's family, we advise the construction of a suitable place in that part of the building.

The erection of a new barn, by order of the town the past year, and transfer of the cattle and hog yards to a greater distance, have removed some of the causes of complaint made in the physician's report last year. The Overseers have sought to remedy the evils connected with sink drainage by conveying the waste through underground pipes to a capacious, covered cesspool.

We apprehend trouble from this arrangement on the approach of hot weather, as there is no valve or trap to prevent poisonous gases from entering the house through the sink. There should be an outlet to the open air or kitchen chimney.

The privy is connected with the woodshed adjoining the house. We recommend that it be placed a sufficient distance back to allow a free circulation of air between it and the main building.

The inmates are well supplied with food and clothing. The matron is kind and considerate of their wants, but has not sufficient help to give the attention needed in all cases. We must express the opinion that our almshouse is rather scantily furnished. The lack of reading matter is especially noticeable.

Let us not forget that these people have other wants besides the mere sustenance of the body. Our almshouse should be made for them as pleasant and homelike as is consistent with the purposes of its establishment. We hope more attention will be paid to their moral improvement.

Complaints have been made public of the excessive profanity of some of the inmates. This vice may have been encouraged by the example of the Chairman of the board of Overseers. It appears that he has also been in the habit, with others, of trifling with the inmates, teasing them and playing tricks upon them. Such conduct towards our town's poor cannot be too severely censured, and is beneath the dignity of a town official. The habit of allowing persons to congregate at the almshouse for the purpose of sport with the inmates, or listening to the sayings of an insane man, is not justifiable.

The law requires (see General Statutes, Chap. 70, Sec. 2) that the Overseers of the Poor *shall* see that their paupers are suitably employed, either in the workhouse or almshouse, or in such other manner as the city or town directs, or otherwise at the direction of said Overseers.

Now your committee are unanimous in the opinion that one of the most, if not *the* most, effectual means of improving and ameliorating the mental, moral and physical condition of the inmates is to keep them employed; and that the Overseers should see to it that they be furnished with suitable employment; and that each able-bodied pauper be required to perform a certain amount of labor daily; and that they exercise their official authority to the extreme extent of the law to compel, if need be, a compliance with their requisition.

And we recommend that the Overseers be directed to procure a copy, in large print, of the above section relating to labor, and cause the same to be posted in some conspicuous place in the almshouse, so that the inmates, as well as the warden, may be apprized of the law, and the requirements of the Overseers.

The cost of supporting the poor in the almshouse is not fully represented by the figures in the Overseers' report, and cannot now be definitely ascertained. This is not so much the fault of the present board of Overseers as of the system which has been followed for several years. The interest on capital invested in the farm, buildings, stock, &c., not now valued, should be added in order to find the actual cost of supporting the poor. This amount of capital varies from year to year, according as the property is increased in value by improvements, or diminished by use and exhaustion, and can only be determined by annual valuations.

We think the town should require a more detailed account of the almshouse. We have found an error in favor of the town of fifteen dollars and seventy-three cents, and the money traced to a table drawer in the house of the Chairman of Overseers. This amount was paid to him March 30th, 1880, by a former warden. Now, if the town had required a detailed statement, it is probable this money would have been thought of and credited to the town, but as no such account is required, we see no reason why this money should not have laid in the drawer, perhaps for years, and in case of death of the Chairman, if ever found, who would have known where the money belonged?

The Overseers, with the exception of the chairman, reside at a distance from the almshouse. Upon the efficiency of the warden, therefore, must depend largely the condition, treatment and cost of supporting the poor. The present warden and matron, Mr. Blackwell and his wife, contracted the past year to perform their duties, including making the inmates' clothing, for the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, and pay their own domestic help. If a reasonable advance in salary would secure a warden of greater experience, capable of conducting the farm more profitably, it would in the end be economy to the town.

(Signed,)

JAMES S. ALLEN,
CHAS. A. LATHAM,
CHAS. E. FIELD, M.D. } *Committee.*
SAMUEL KEITH,
L. WATTS RICHARDS,

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

IN OBSERVANCE

—OF—

THE 260th ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

LANDING OF THE FOREFATHERS,

DECEMBER, 21, 1880.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY.

HYMN.

Written by Samuel Davis.

TUNE, "OLD HUNDRED."

Read (lined) by Rev. Geo A. Tewksbury, of Plymouth.

HAIL Pilgrim Fathers of our race!
With grateful hearts your toils we trace;
Again this Votive Day returns,
And finds us bending o'er your urns.

Jehovah's arm prepared the road;
The Heathen vanished at his nod;
He gave his vine a lasting root;
He loads its goodly boughs with fruit.

The hills are cover'd with its shade;
Its thousand shoots like cedars spread;
Its branches to the sea expand,
And reach to broad Superior's strand.

Of peace and truth the gladsome ray
Smiles in our skies and cheers the day;
And a new Empire's splendent wheels
Roll o'er the top of Western hills.

Hail Pilgrim Fathers of our race!
With grateful hearts your toils we trace;
Oft as this Votive Day returns,
We'll pay due honors to your urns.

INVOCATION.

By Rev. E. Q. S. Osgood, of Plymouth.

HYMN.

Written by Rev. Leonard Bacon, D. D., of New Haven, Conn.

TUNE, "HAMBURG."

Read by Rev. Thomas S. Robie, of South Plymouth.

O God, beneath thy guiding hand,
Our exiled fathers crossed the sea;
And when they trod the wintry strand
With prayer and psalm they worshipped thee.

Thou heard'st, well pleased, the song, the prayer:
Thy blessing came; and still its power
Shall onward through all ages bear
The memory of that holy hour.

Laws, freedom, truth, and faith in God
Came with those exiles o'er the waves;
And where their pilgrim feet have trod,
The God they trusted guards their graves.

And here thy name, O God of love,
Their children's children shall adore,
Till these eternal hills remove,
And spring adorns the earth no more.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES.

First Selection.

By Rev. J. H. Allen, of Plymouth.

HYMN.

Written for the occasion.

TUNE, "St. MARTINS."

Read by Rev. J. A. Sanderson, of Plymouth.

More light, the wandering Pilgrims heard
Their loving Pastor say,
Would break from out God's Holy Word,
And cheer them on their way.

More light they saw when, tempest-tost,
The icy deck they trod;
Through cloud and storm and piercing frost,
They saw the smiles of God.

More light they saw when, nearer still
God's warm and loving breast,
They stood on this their Zion's hill,
And found abiding rest.

More light still breaks, and yet more light
Shall shed its glorious ray,
And change the darkness of our night
To everlasting day.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES.

Second Selection.

By Rev. Geo. A. Tewksbury, of Plymouth.

HYMN.

Written by William Cullen Bryant.

TUNE, "WARD."

Read by Rev. E. Q. S. Osgood, of Plymouth.

Wild was the day; the wintry sea
Moaned sadly on New England's strand,
When first the thoughtful and the free,
Our fathers trod the desert land.

They little thought how pure a light,
With years, should gather round that day:
How love should keep their memories bright,
How wide a realm their sons should sway.

Green are their bays; and greener still
Shall round their spreading fame be wreathed,
And regions, now untrod, shall thrill
With reverence, when their names are breathed.

Till where the sun, with softer fires,
Looks on the vast Pacific's sleep,
The children of the Pilgrim sires
This hallowed day like us shall keep.

PRAYER.

By Rev. Alexander McKenzie, D. D., of Cambridge, Mass.

HYMN.

Written by Hon. John Davis for the Celebration in 1792.

TUNE, "AMERICA."

Read by Rev. H. W. Coffin, of Plymouth.

Sons of renowned sires,
Join in harmonious choirs,
 Swell your loud songs;
Daughters of peerless dames,
Come with your mild acclaims,
Let their revered names
 Dwell on your tongues.

From frowning Albion's seat
See the famed band retreat,
 On ocean tost;
Blue tumbling billows roar,
By keel scarce ploughed before,
And bear them to this shore
 Fettered with frost.

By yon wave-beaten rock
See the illustrious flock
 Collected stand;
To seek some sheltering grove
Their faithful partners move,
Dear pledges of their love
 In either hand.

Not winter's sullen face,
Not the fierce tawny race
 In arms arrayed,
Not hunger, shook their faith;
Not sickness' baleful breath
Nor Carver's early death
 Their souls dismayed.

Watered by heavenly dew,
The Germ of Empire grew,
 Freedom its root;
From the cold northern pine,
Far tow'rd the burning line,
Spreads the luxuriant vine,
 Bending with fruit.

Columbia, child of heaven!
The best of blessings given
 Be thine to greet;
Hailing this votive day,
Looking with fond survey
Upon the weary way
 Of Pilgrim feet.

Here trace the moss-grown stones,
Where rest their mould'ring bones,
 Again to rise;
And let thy sons be led
To emulate the dead,
While o'er their tombs they tread
 With moisten'd eyes.

BENEDICTION.

By Rev. J. H. Allen, of Plymouth.

FIFTY-EIGHTH

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS

—OF—

EAST BRIDGEWATER

—FOR THE—

Financial Year Ending February 1st,

1882.

PLYMOUTH:
AVERY & DOTEN, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS,
1882.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1881.

TOWN CLERK.
FRANK SMITH.

TREASURER.
ISAAC N. NUTTER.

COLLECTOR.
GEORGE A. WHEELER.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.
E. S. WHITMARSH, HENRY GURNEY, ELIAB LATHAM.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
FREDERIC S. STRONG, E. W. NUTTER, ROBERT O. HARRIS.

AUDITORS.
I. N. KEITH, L. W. RICHARDS.

CONSTABLES.
WILLIAM M. JUDKINS, JOHN SCRIBNER, T. S. H. ROUNSVILLE,
ENOCH FREEMAN.

POLICE OFFICER (by appointment).
BENJAMIN SIDDALL.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

District.		District.	
1.	ISAAC N. NUTTER,	6.	SAMUEL KEITH,
2.	WILLIAM M. JUDKINS,	7.	LEVI W. NOYES,
3.	EBENEZER WHITMARSH,	8.	EDGAR L. CLARK,
4.	E. S. WHITMARSH,	9.	JAMES S. ALLEN,
5.	GEORGE W. HARDEN,	10.	CHARLES H. GOSS.

FENCE VIEWERS.
SAMUEL KEITH, HENRY GURNEY.

FIELD DRIVERS.
WILLIAM M. JUDKINS, WILLIAM RAMSDELL.

MEASURERS OF WOOD.
JOHN E. WATERMAN, WARREN K. CHURCHILL.

WEIGHERS OF COAL.
JOHN E. WATERMAN, GEORGE A. WRIGHT.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.
CHARLES H. GOSS, LUTHER CHURCHILL, JR., HIRAM ERSKINE.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.
HENRY A. GROW.

SEXTON.
MELVIN L. WEBBER.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

Liabilities.

Building road at Elmwood	$3,603 54

Assets.

Due from Commonwealth for State aid	$1,017 50
Due from Commonwealth for aid to indigent soldiers,	112 00
Bills due Almshouse	31 48
Due from other towns	25 09
Cash in treasury	3,372 57
	$4,558 64

Since the accounts were audited we have paid J. S. Allen's bill of nineteen dollars for services on almshouse investigating committee. Two members of that committe have not been paid. The above items should have been included in this report. With the exception of the above items, we think all bills against the town have been paid.

STATE AID.

PAID FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1881, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1882.

Harriet Eddy,	$48 00	Sarah C. Hudson,	$48 00
Mary Hudson,	48 00	Mary S. Ripley,	48 00
Thankful O. Trow,	48 00	Sarah B. Gould,	48 00
Betsy A. Hale,	48 00	Harriet F. McCarter,	48 00
Lydia A. Sylvester,	48 00	Eldridge Winsor,	72 00
E. W. Nutter,	72 00	Charles L. Jones,	72 00
Perez Williams,	72 00	Barzilla F. Ellis,	66 00
Lydia A. Hale,	48 00	Harriet Vosmus,	48 00
William L. Morey,	27 00	Jane R. Bancroft,	36 00
			$945 00

AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Joseph M. Whitman	$96 00
Charles D. Hatch	72 00
Selden M. Washburn	42 00
	$210 00

INCIDENTALS.

Avery & Doten, printing report	$96 90
B. W. Keith, postage stamps	3 00
James Howard, road scraper	125 00
Old Colony Railroad Company, freight on scraper	7 90
Decorating soldiers' graves	100 00
Dr. Edward Sawyer, examiuation of Mrs. Edson	10 00
Dr. H. F. Copeland, examination of Mrs. Edson	7 00
Dr. C. E. Field, physician to Board of Health	5 00
Jarvis Burrell, printing	13 65
B. W. Keith, postal cards	12 00
M. L. Webber, use of teams	10 25
Loring Holbrook & Son, returns of deaths	5 50
George A. Wheeler, services as moderator	3 00
J. E. Waterman, weighing	70
Abatement of taxes	290 45
E. S. Whitmarsh, railroad fares	9 40
Charles A. Latham, Almshouse Investigating Committee	10 75
L. W. Richards, Almshouse Investigating Committee	15 50
Samuel Dyer, 2d, damage on highway	14 10
Charles H. Paine levelling at Elmwood	6 00
Alger & Co.'s express	3 10
	$749 20

Repairs of Highways.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS WAS ALLOTTED TO EACH DISTRICT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Paid—

Isaac N. Nutter, Surveyor	$92 80
David Roach	39 50
William H. Taylor	1 50
Timothy Murphy	4 50
John Cook	9 00
Charles H. Goss	15 25
Henry Gurney	26 67
David W. Gurney	11 02
Daniel W. Noyes	4 50
George R. Dyer	3 00
William Reed	1 50
Samuel F. White	3 00
Z. W. Sturtevant	18 25
Peter Dory	10 00
T. S. H. Rounsville	3 30
Eleazer Whitman	6 00
	$249 79

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Paid—

William M. Judkins, Surveyor	$33 00
Walter V. Judkins	33 75
Timothy Murphy	30 00
Joseph Dory	12 00
John Cook	15 00
Aaron Hobart	14 00
Peter Dory	26 00
David Roach	15 00
James Lonergan	4 50
James Pendergrast	4 50
Dennis E. Dreslane	55 50
Isadus Fuller	6 12
	$249 37

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Paid—

Ebenezer Whitmarsh, Surveyor	$51 45
John B. Brown	3 75
Charles W. Pratt	16 50
Lemuel Pratt	6 00
Simeon G. Whitmarsh	18 00
William W. Hersey	8 25
Oliver Pratt	69 54
David Pratt	51 75
William Ramsdell	24 75
	$249 99

DISTRICT NO. 4.

E. S. Whitmarsh, Surveyor.

Paid—

David Roach	$196 77
Warren Brown	39 75
Martin Beal	4 50
Aug. M. Howe	2 00
	$243 02

DISTRICT NO 5.

Paid—

George W. Harden, Surveyor	$92 05
Noah A. Washburn	15 00
Allen Washburn	45 00
E. F. Sampson	27 00
Melzar Waterman	3 75
Blaney P. Beals	3 00
Luther Harden	28 50
Charles Thrasher	14 70
Calvin S. Whitman	18 00
Nicholas Wade	3 00
	$250 00

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Paid—

Samuel Keith, Surveyor	$33 25
Thomas Hewitt	24 00
Daniel Geary	38 25
Ruel Lincoln	3 00
Nathaniel Perkins	7 43
B. H. Fisher	15 63

Eliab Latham	$79 60
Galen Latham	6 87
William Desmond	14 10
Fred Sturtevant	6 75
Samuel A. Keith	5 63
Clifford Keith	1 00
Simeon C. Keith	5 50
Charles A. Latham	8 55
	$249 56

DISTRICT NO 7.

Paid—

Levi W. Noyes, Surveyor	$36 00
Henry G. Hill	7 40
A. S. Churchill	2 40
Joseph M. Loucraft	24 00
Charles Demoranville	6 75
Walter L. Benson	83 90
H. W. White	27 00
N. M. Keene	3 00
James R. Hudson	13 00
Martin Sumner	2 25
Thomas Condon	3 00
Samuel A. Luzarder	3 90
George W. Sprague	4 50
Dennis Leary	2 55
Michael McCarty	4 50
Frank Fisher	60
George W. Dunbar	3 00
Stephen O'Neil	3 75
	$231 50

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Paid —

Edgar L. Clark, Surveyor	$169 50
Patrick Quigley	2 25
Edward Kenealey	14 25
Thomas Luddy	5 00
J. Landergan	1 50
John Curley	2 25
Joseph Laform	9 75
Jeremiah Dunn	22 50
Jerry Lappel	6 75
Daniel Desmond	3 50
Peter Dory	9 00
East Bridgewater Iron Company	3 75
	$250 00

DISTRICT NO. 9.

James S. Allen, Surveyor.

Paid —

Marcellus Boynton	$29 18
Elmer Keith	3 70
Waldo Hayward	59 96
Francis Hayward	136 28
Bela Hayward	11 88
Frank B. Johnson	9 00
	$250 00

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Paid —

Charles H. Goss, Surveyor	$195 25
Jeremiah Dunn	3 00
Stephen Harlow	1 50

George Dreslane	$4 50
David Fitzgerald	4 00
James Lonergan	1 50
Joseph Mayflan	3 00
William H. Taylor	75
E. Kenealey	6 75
James Pendergrast	1 50
David S. Gurney	1 60
Frank E. Freeman	1 15
Henry Gurney	7 50
Samuel F. White	7 50
Michael Crowley	1 50
N. K. Richardson	3 00
David Roach	6 00
	$250 00

BRIDGES, CULVERTS AND HIGHWAYS.

Paid —

Edgar L. Clark, labor	$2 00
David Roach, labor	128 60
Sears R. Frost, labor	6 65
John E. Waterman, labor	4 50
Peter Dory, labor	18 37
Warren Brown, labor	18 75
John Dillon, labor	1 50
Michael Crowley, labor	1 50
Henry Gurney, labor	123 95
Wellington Caldwell, labor	10 00
Barney Sheridan, labor	4 50
George S. Harlow, labor	20 25
David Tower, labor	6 75
Albion K. Benson, labor	26 50

John S. Eastman, labor	$0 50
Samuel Keith, labor	1 00
Eliab Latham, labor	30 35
James S. Allen, labor	11 85
Nicholas Wade, rails	4 50
Charles H. Goss, plank, etc.	34 63
E. S. Whitmarsh, stone	1 50
Allen Washburn, stone	3 00
William V. West, stone	5 00
Isadus Fuller, gravel	2 10
I. N. Nutter, gravel	5 80
George W. Harden, gravel	2 00
Bathshua Keith, gravel	2 04
Henry Gurney, lumber	7 00
	$485 09

ALMSHOUSE EXTENSION AND REPAIRS.

Paid —

Charles H. Goss for lumber	$105 21
Cutter & Parker, doors and windows	4 80
E. P. Reed & Co., lumber	15 05
Gammons & Nutter, hardware	26 39
J. E. Waterman, lime, etc	5 25
John M. Whiting, labor	17 30
George B. Howland, labor	101 25
William Ramsdell, labor	12 00
	$287 25

SALE OF JEREMIAH DUNN PLACE.

At the last annual meeting the Town voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to take possession of the Jeremiah Dunn place and let or sell the same, as they may think for the interest of the Town. We invited Mr. Dunn to give the Town possession, and, to requite him therefor, we proposed to let him the house for a small rent. Mr. Dunn refused to do anything. We then decided to take possession and sell the estate. An action was brought, judgment and execution followed, and the Town was put in possession of the premises. We sold the property to several persons, and received :

For the real estate	$1,151 00
For potatoes	15 00
For hay delivered	59 67
Total amount received	$1,225 67

EXPENSES.

Paid—

E. S. Whitmarsh, counsel fees in action of Town vs. Dunn	$45 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, selling the estate and making deeds	15 00
George A. Wheeler, part of costs	2 10
John Shepard, watching premises	19 25
W. H. Jefferson, cutting and delivering hay	24 00
	$105 35

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid—	
Charles H. Edson, John E. Waterman, L. W. Richards, Auditors	$15 00
Robert O. Harris, School Committee	93 85
E. W. Nutter, School Committee	66 75
F. S. Strong, School Committee	33 75
E. S. Whitmarsh, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor	286 00
Henry Gurney, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor	103 65
Eliab Latham, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor	81 72
I. N. Nutter, Treasurer	100 00
George A. Wheeler, Collector	123 57
Frank Smith, Town Clerk	64 65
William M. Judkins, Constable	27 00
Benjamin Siddall, police officer	10 00
M. L. Webber, Sexton	70 00
	$1,075 94

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

For repairs of highways	$2,473 23
For incidentals	749 20
For payment of town officers	1,075 94
For bridges, culverts and highways	485 09
For alterations at almshouse	287 25
For building new road	315 00
For aid to persons out of the almshouse	931 24
For support of poor in the almshouse	1,389 19
For State aid	945 00
For aid to indigent soldiers	210 00
For costs in Dunn suit and sale of property, etc	105 35
	$8,966 49

BUILDING ROAD AT ELMWOOD.

We have paid the County of Plymouth $3,608 54 in full satisfaction for building the road at Elmwood. The following is the bill of particulars furnished us by the County Commissioners:

Paid—

Carver & Sherman for removing earth and gravelling road 10,932 yards, at 18 cents	$1,967 76
Extra price allowed beyond contract	194 50
Railing sides of road (lumber and labor)	169 75
C. V. Pendleton, building arch bridge	1,720 00
C. V. Pendleton, furnishing stone and building three wing walls and parapet walls	1,386 28
Mark P. Hudson for labor of self, and cash paid for labor and materials	856 83
Mark P. Hudson for lumber for temporary bridge	17 42
Mark P. Hudson for building road opposite his house	60 00
Mark P. Hudson for labor, widening causeway	89 00
N. M. Keene for gravel	25 00
H. W. White for gravel	46 25
W. L. Benson for carting stone	75 75
	$6,608 54
Allowance by County Commissioners	3,000 00
	$3,608 54

LIST OF PERSONS

Proposed by the Selectmen to serve as Jurors for 1882.

George W. Allen,
Charles H. Brown,
Wellington Caldwell,
Henry Gurney,
George B. Howland,
George M. Keith,
Lysander Keith,
Samuel Keith,
A. Harris Latham,
Martin P. McLauthlin,
David Pratt,
William Ramsdell,
Frank Smith,
Samuel Shaw,
Samuel C. White,
Granville C. Allen,
James Brown,
Edward F. Field,
Abbot T. Hewitt,
Luther Harden,
Isaac N. Keith,
Newton M. Keene,
Zebina Keith,
Eliab Latham,
Edmund W. Nutter,
Nathan M. Pool,
Ezra F. Sampson,
Minot C. Shaw,
Benjamin Ward,
William Edson,
Robert Young.

E. S. WHITMARSH,
HENRY GURNEY,
ELIAB LATHAM,
} *Selectmen of East Bridgewater.*

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

VALUATION FOR 1881.

Real estate	$983,500
Personal estate	352.405
Total	$1,335,905
Number of polls	734
Tax on each poll	$2 00
Rate of taxation	.0112
State tax	$1,155 00
County tax	1,524 42
Town tax	13,150 00
Added for convenience	600 71
Gained by fractions	16
Committed for collection	$16,430 29

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1881.

Appropriation made last year for school-houses	$1,850 00
For —	
Schools	5,000 00
School incidentals	250 00
Repairs of school property	350 00
Books and materials	50 00
Repairs of highways	2,500 00
Bridges, culverts and highways	500 00
Incidentals	600 00
Decorating soldiers' graves	100 00
Town officers	1,000 00
Road scraper	150 00
Alterations at Almshouse	500 00
New road	300 00
	$13,150 00

E. S. WHITMARSH,
HENRY GURNEY,
ELIAB LATHAM,
} *Assessors.*

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

We have discarded the old plan — an appraisal, etc. — in estimating the cost of supporting the poor at the Almshouse, and have taken the amount of money drawn from the treasury for the use of the Almshouse as the total cost of supporting the poor.

We all think that there is no substantial difference in the value of the personal property at the beginning and at the end of the present year. If our opinion is correct, it follows that no appraisal is necessary. If the house and farm is fairly supplied hereafter, about the same value will be found which we found at the date of this report.

ALMSHOUSE.

Paid—

Superintendent, portion of salary	$282 08
Medical attendance and medicine	49 57
L. Holbrook & Son for coffin	10 00
Gammons & Nutter, hardware	7 92
Hall & Stephens, bedding	8 40
A. S. Sturtevant, blacksmithing	29 56
Martin Howland, cattle	93 75
W. H. Jefferson, pigs	7 00
Charles E. Gaffney, labor	173 24

Joseph T. Hathaway, labor	$7 42
George W. Harden, labor	22 25
Warren Brown, labor	65 75
Oliver M. Sharp, labor	8 00
Benjamin Ward, meat	64 82
Amos Hunting, grain and provisions	559 43
	$1,389 19

It must be remembered that the above figures represent only the amount drawn from the treasury.

We have sold hay and cattle to the amount of about six hundred dollars. We paid the Superintendent the balance due him February 1st, of $72.90 out of this money. The remainder has been expended for supplies for the house and farm.

Number of inmates during the year	10
Average number, nearly	9 1-5
Present number	9
Cost per week for support, nearly	$2 90

AID TO POOR PERSONS OUT OF THE ALMS-HOUSE FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1882.

Paid —

Taunton Lunatic Hospital for board of Nathaniel S. Bouldry	$192 36
Taunton Lunatic Hospital for board of Hannah Dunn	188 05
Taunton Lunatic Hospital for board of Sears R. Frost	28 19
City of Lowell, aid to Catherine Quinn	22 50
City of Lynn, aid to the Connors children	194 00
City of Boston, aid to Peter Foley	2 00

City of Brockton, aid to Andrew P. Young and family	$18 00
City of Brockton, aid to J. L. Coulter and family	4 00
Towns of Natick and Needham, aid to C. D. Hatch and family	58 40
Town of Rehoboth, aid to A. L. Darling	4 00
Town of Hanover, aid to Waterman J. Ellis	22 00
For Mrs. Isaac Lincoln	22 00
For Mrs. John Chadwick	33 93
For Mrs. Thomas H. Cummings	9 25
For George Jenkins and family	18 31
For Mrs. Nathaniel S. Bouldry	20 00
For Benjamin H. Fisher and family	1 50
For Mrs. Sophia Harlow, belongs in Brockton	50 00
For Henry P. Caswell's family, belongs in Taunton,	12 00
For William O. Nutter's family, belongs in Kingston,	5 00
For Daniel Geary	4 00
For Mrs. Ellen I. Atwood, belongs in Hanson	17 00
For Mrs. Dugan	4 75
	$931 24
Received and due from other towns	104 73
Net aid to poor out of Almshouse	$826 51

E. S. WHITMARSH,
HENRY GURNEY,
ELIAB LATHAM,
Overseers of Poor.

TOWN MEETING.

PLYMOUTH, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of East Bridgewater, in the County of Plymouth :

GREETING :

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, You are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of East Bridgewater, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Town, on the thirteenth day of March, A. D. 1882, at one o'clock P. M., then and there to act on the following articles, to-wit :

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2. To act on the reports of Town officers.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary Town officers.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay all Town expenses.

ART. 5. To determine the manner of repairing the highways.

ART. 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 9. To act on a list of jurors proposed by the Selectmen.

ART. 10. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town.

ART. 11. To see what sum the Town will appropriate to purchase a lot of land, and erect thereon a building for the accommodation of the West Primary School.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up a copy thereof at the Post Offices, and also, at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said East Bridgewater, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two.

E. S. WHITMARSH,
HENRY GURNEY,
ELIAB LATHAM,
} *Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater.*

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer*,

In account with the Town of EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

1881.	Balance as per previous report	$1,319 38
Feb. 24.	Town of South Abington, aid to soldiers.	14 00
Mch. 11.	G. A. Wheeler, Collector, amount of Willis Harden tax	8 03
Mch. 11.	G. A. Wheeler, additional interest collected	99
Apr. 12.	State Treasurer, borrowed in anticipation of taxes	2,000 00
May 30.	State Treasurer, corporation tax	140 05
May 30.	State Treasurer, burial of State paupers	10 00
June 8.	State Treasurer, borrowed in anticipation of taxes	2,000 00
July 26.	E. S. Whitmarsh, attorney for town in part satisfaction of execution vs. Jeremiah Dunn	6 67
July 28.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed in anticipation of taxes	1,000 00
Sept. 1.	E. S. Whitmarsh, attorney for town on account of sales of real estate formerly held by J. Dunn	450 00
	Amount carried forward	$6,949 12

	Amount brought forward	$6,949 12
Sept. 10.	E. S. Whitmarsh, attorney for town on account of sale of real estate formerly held by J. Dunn	636 00
Oct. 27.	E. S. Whitmarsh, attorney for town, balance of proceeds from sale of real estate formerly held by J. Dunn	80 00
Dec. 5.	State Treasurer, Corporation tax	1,642 75
Dec. 5.	State Treasurer, National Bank tax	768 68
Dec. 5.	State Treasurer, State aid	917 50
Dec. 5.	State Treasurer, relief of soldiers	48 00
1882.		
Jan. 3.	Town of Brockton, aid to S. Harlow	50 00
Jan. 25.	Town of Hanson, aid to C. L. Atwood	17 00
Jan. 25.	State Treasurer on note of town payable October 1, 1882	3,608 54
Jan. 25.	State Treasurer, income of Massachusetts School Fund	198 52
Feb. 1.	Selectmen, amount received for hay sold from J. Dunn estate	59 67
Feb. 8.	County Treasurer, dividend on dog tax	123 42
Feb. 11.	Selectmen, net proceeds from sale of box boards from almshouse farm	119 63
Feb. 14.	Town of South Abington, its proportion of aid to indigent soldiers	20 73
Feb 11.	George A. Wheeler, Collector, tax of 1881, including interest collected	16,475 08
		$31,714 64

Cr.

1881.			
May 30.	State Treasurer, National Bank tax refunded by town		$16 01
Aug. 17.	Register of Deeds, for recording collector's notice, and for estates sold		3 20
Sept. 15.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank note dated August 9, 1880		1,850 00
	Interest on above note		49 95
Sept. 17.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank note		1,000 00
Oct. 4.	State Treasurer, two notes		4,000 00
	Interest on above notes		64 94
Oct. 31.	County Treasurer, county tax for 1881		1,524 42
Dec. 5.	State Treasurer, State tax for 1881		1,155 00
1882.			
Jan. 28.	County Treasurer, cost of building road, on petition of J. E. Crane and others		3,608 54
Feb. 11.	G. A. Wheeler, collected tax of 1881, on real estate taxed to following persons, and sold by Collector for non-payment of tax, expenses of sale, deeds, etc., included: —		
	Henry A. Osborne	$7 24	
	William F. Keene	27 50	
			34 74
	Tax for 1881 on real estate held by town by deeds from Collector, viz.: —		
	James Eaton	$12 32	
	George W. Deane	56	
	Charles W. Harden	2 24	
	Benjamin F. Jackson	56	
	Abby Farrar	2 80	
			18 48

Feb. 11.	Town of Hanson, tax	$0 42
	Orders drawn by Selectmen	8,950 14
	Orders drawn by School Committee (including $855.35 on account of former year)	6,066 23
		$28,342 07
	Cash on hand	3,372 57
		$31,714 64

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer.*

East Bridgewater, February 20, 1882,

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Treasurer, Assessors and Collector, and report as follows:

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer	$8,966 49
Amount of orders paid by the Treasurer	8,950 14
Amount of orders drawn and not paid	$16 35

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer*	$6,066 23
Amount of orders paid by the Treasurer	6,066 23

*There is an order drawn in favor of William Whiting, (amount $2.00), no voucher appearing.

TREASURER.

Amount received during the year	$31,714 64
Amount paid out during the year	28,342 07
Cash on hand	$3,372 57

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection	$16,430 29
Interest	44 89
	$16,475 18
Amount paid to Treasurer	16,475 08
Balance due	10

This amount since paid.

The Collector has shown us the Treasurer's receipt for the above amount.

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT AT ALMSHOUSE.

Amount received during year ending Jan. 31, 1882,	$738 86
Amount paid during year ending Jan. 31, 1882	738 25
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1882.....	59
Amount of outstanding bills Feb. 1, 1881.....	$28 04
Amount paid since.....	10 00
Amount due on last year's account.....	18 04
Amount of bills due on this year's account.....	9 55
Total amount due Almshouse	$27 59

There is an account of $13.50 in addition, which is offset by a running account supposed to be about equal in amount.

As a part of the Almshouse accounts have been destroyed by the Warden, it is impossible to audit them accurately.

L. WATTS RICHARDS,
I. N. KEITH, } *Auditors.*

East Bridgewater, Feb. 21, 1882.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

1881.	Receipts.	
Feb. 1.	Cash on hand	$6 47
Feb. 10.	Dancing school	4 17
Feb. 11.	Lecture	5 00
Feb. 17.	Dancing school	4 17
Feb. 22.	Comical Brown	10 00
Feb. 24.	Assembly	7 50
Feb. 25.	Assembly	7 50
Mar. 3.	Dancing school	4 16
Mar. 8.	Assembly	7 50
Mar. 11.	Assembly	7 50
Mar. 17.	Assembly	7 50
Mar. 23.	Lecture	3 00
Mar. 25.	Assembly	7 50
April 1.	Assembly	7 50
April 5.	Concert	5 00
April 7.	Unitarian Society	5 00
April 9.	Land League	3 00
April 13 14 & 15.	Grand Army Fair	10 00
April 20.	Land League lecture	5 00
April 21.	Farmers' meeting	3 00
April 26.	Ball	13 00
April 27.	Tableaux of Erin	10 00
April 28.	W. C. Fickett	3 50
May 12.	Hayward Sisters	5 00
	Amount carried forward	$151 97

	Amount brought forward	$151 97
May 17.	Ball	12 00
May 27.	Ball	12 00
June 14.	Land League	3 00
June 16.	Unitarian Society	5 00
June 27.	Temperance Union	1 50
July 1.	Temperance Union	2 50
July 12.	Land League	3 00
Sept. 13.	Ball	12 00
Sept. 16.	Ball	10 00
Oct. 2.	Temperance Union	2 50
Oct. 11.	Spaulding's concert	10 00
Oct. 8.	Dr. Beardsley, seven lectures	35 00
Oct. 14.	Unitarian Society	5 00
Oct. 21.	Dancing school	5 00
Oct. 28.	Dancing school	5 00
Nov. 8.	Methodist Society	5 00
Nov. 11.	Dancing school	5 00
Nov. 16.	Ball	12 00
Nov. 23.	Dancing school	5 00
Nov. 24.	Unitarian Society	5 00
Nov. 25.	Sullivan's Combination	10 00
Dec. 1.	Dancing school	5 00
Dec. 7.	Ball	12 00
Dec. 13.	Lecture	5 00
Dec. 16.	Dancing school	5 00
Dec. 14.	Hayward Sisters	2 50
Dec. 20.	Hayward Sisters	5 00
Dec. 28.	High School	4 00
1882.		
Jan. 2.	Unitarian Society	5 00
Jan. 13.	Ball	11 00
Jan. 27.	Assembly	7 50
		$379 47

1881.	EXPENDITURES.	
Paid —		
April 19.	Joshua Dean, coal	$7 75
April 21.	C. H. Goss, boards	1 71
May 4.	N. A. Washburn, wood	2 50
May 28.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, etc.	19 29
July 1.	Gammons & Nutter, glass	1 00
Nov. 3.	John Hobart, coal	7 25
Nov. 15.	J. M. Whiting, building chimney	57 15
1882.		
Jan. 2.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, etc., etc	21 20
Feb. 1.	Isadus Fuller, janitor	113 80
Feb. 1.	Frank Smith, Secretary committee	10 00
Feb. 1.	Frank Smith, wax for floor	1 40
Feb. 1.	Gammons & Nutter, oil	1 50
Feb. 1.	Cash on hand	134 92
		$379 47

E. S. WHITMARSH,
I. N. NUTTER,
FRANK SMITH. } *Committee.*

Audited.

L. W. RICHARDS.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

Twenty-nine marriages have been recorded during the year.

1881.

Jan. 5. William E. Whipple of Newport, N. H., and Charity E. Soule of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

Mar. 6. George F. Lane of Kingston and Deborah M. Keevey of Plympton. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

April 14. Alfred Griffin and Lucy A. Johnson, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

April 23. George C. Beals of West Bridgewater and Fanny Holmes of Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

May 1. Irving Bates of East Bridgewater and Clara Holbrook of Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

May 25. Zenas A. Jenkins and Ada F. Keith, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.

May 29. Henry S. Aldrich of East Bridgewater and Adrianna Holden of So. Abington. By Rev. F. P. Howland.

May 30. Stephen O'Neil of Bridgewater and Margaret Short of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.

June 9. Prescott H. Pratt and Agnes C. Gurney of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

June 19. Leonard C. Mitchell and Mary M. Bryant, both of Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

June 22. Charles E. Field of East Bridgewater and Louise G. Allen of Brockton. By Rev. Henry E. Goddard.

June 24. John W. Harden and Lura Whitmarsh, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

June 26. Edwin F. Dyson and Eliza A. Bottomore, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Theodore F. Wright.

July 2. Eugene N. Shaw of Brockton and Louisa A. Nute of West Bridgewater. By Rev. F. A. Crafts.

July 16. Clarence B. Fuller and Sarah L. Bottomore, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. T. O. Paine.

Aug. 6. Henry Planch of East Bridgewater and Jennie Grant of Brockton. By Rev. Samuel L. Beal.

Sept. 6. Albert C. Whitmarsh of East Bridgewater and Maria E. Collier of Brockton. By Rev. Samuel L. Beal.

Sept. 9. James M. Turner and Mary E. D'Arcy, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.

Sept. 14. Ellis V. Barney and Lucia K. Harden, both of Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

Sept. 28. Henry M. Atkinson of Passaic, N. J., and Mary J. Whitman of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. Herbert Atkinson.

Oct. 7. Benjamin F. Wright of Middleboro and Carrie W. Blanchard of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Oct. 9. Newton F. Humble of East Bridgewater and Cora E. Leavitt of North Hanson. By Rev. F. A. Crafts.

Oct. 15. William H. Pratt and Nellie E. Nadell, both of Hanson. By Rev. F. A. Crafts.

Nov. 2. Morris Carroll and Mary Kennedy, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.

Nov. 19. John Reed of East Bridgewater and Lydia C. Richards of West Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.

Nov. 24. Wilton Copeland of West Bridgewater and Lucy A. Field of East Bridgewater.

Nov. 24 Bernard Winn and Mary Kendrigan, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.

Dec. 21. Henry M. Holmes and Marion C. Kinney, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

Dec. 22. Charles S. Millet of Rockland and Grace T. Swallow of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1881.

DATE OF BIRTH.		FULL NAME.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1881.			
January	11,	Mabel Susie Gardner,	Edward C. and Susie A.
February	13,	Jessie Woodman Dunbar,	George W. and Susan E.
March	10.	Julia Harris Edson,	Charles H. and Mary M.
"	10,	Horace Hancock Dunbar,	Horace P. and Ellen F.
April	5,	Roland Herbert Randall,	John and Hannah M.
"	14,	Jesse Herbert Swift,	Herbert A. and Nellie T.
"	16,	Esther Babcock Taylor,	William H. and Mary E.
"	17,	Mary Bemis,	William M. and Nellie J.
May	4,	Vera Stetson Ransden,	Elias A. and Mary T.
"	20,	Mary Mitchell,	Robert J. and Mary.
June	4,	Charles Warner Lyon,	Walter M. and Josephine R.
"	7,	John Elliget,	John and Hannah.
"	9,	William Ashton Boden,	Charles and Martha A.
"	13,	Charles Murdoch McCarter,	Frank W. and Caroline H.
"	16.	John Lloyd O'Brien.	Michael J. and Joanna.
"	27,	John Gorman,	Michael and Bridget.
"	28,	William Henry Bussey,	William H. and Catherine M.
"	30,	Frank Leroy Bates,	Albert and Lucretia L.
July	10,	Mary Niles Hayward,	Martin A. and Ellen B.
"	11,	Lydia Maria Osborne,	Henry A. and Emily J. L.
"	15,	Edwin Abbey Millett,	Frank D. and Elizabeth G.
"	20,	Maud Lillie Richardson,	Everett N. and Lillie C.
"	22,	Arthur Clayton Britton,	James A. and Nellie S.
"	25,	Anne Winslow Harris,	Robert O. and Josephine D.
"	31,	Rosa Bertha White,	Paul and Annie F.
August	7,	Michael Tierney Curley,	Patrick N. and Nellie.
"	12.	Samuel Keene Nutter,	Edmund W. and Harriet.
"	30,	Ralph Leslie Leach,	Frederick A, and Nellie J.
"	31,	George Ervan Thrasher,	Daniel W. and Adrianna.
September	1.	Mary Campbell,	Lot and Mary A.
"	7,	——— Sumner,	Ira H. and Edith F.
"	18,	Sarah Curran,	Bartley and Ann.
October	9,	John Francis Geary,	Daniel and Mary.
"	9,	Josephine Amelia Raymond,	Charles W. and Etta J.
November	1,	Pearl Ethel Luzarder,	Samuel A. and Alice J.
"	2,	Willie Emerson Sharp,	Oliver M. and Irene F.
"	13,	Grace Field Trow,	Fred E. and Lizzie M.
"	16,	Addie Maria Alden,	Frank and Emma F.
"	20,	Hattie Buckley,	John and Eliza.
"	22,	Mabel Spencer Freeman,	James D. and Ellen A.
December	1,	Honora Burke,	Michael and Ellen.
"	8,	Joseph Souza,	Manuel and Mary.
"	12,	Rosa Phebe Shepard,	John and Julia.
"	20,	———Crowell,	Herbert H. and Alice R.
1880.			
January	11,	Frederick Alton Leach,	Frederick A. and Nellie J.
June	24.	Freddie Warner Redding,	Frederick H. and Maggie L.

Whole number of Births in 1881..... 44
Males..... 21
Females..... 23
Of foreign parentage..... 12

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1881.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES.	AGE. Years.	Months.	Days.	DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
1881.					
Jan. 2,	E. Herbert Ford,	32	—	27	Phthisis.
" 10,	Joseph Underwood,	79	1	21	Old age.
" 17,	Lucinda K Harris,	52	9	17	Catarrhal Fever.
" 23,	Florence Cavanaugh,	—	8	11	Whooping Cough.
Feb. 9,	Julia N. Lincoln,	73	8	8	Consumption.
" 12,	Patrick Rogers,	43	—	—	Drowned.
" 27,	Lucinda H. Bryant,	76	3	16	Pneumonia.
" 28,	Charles H. Whiting,	58	4	—	Cancer.
March 19,	Horace Hancock Dunbar,	—	—	9	Hemorrhage.
" 25.	Mary Perkins,	82	5	15	Old age.
April 3,	Merritt Jenkins,	77	8	25	Heart Disease.
" 5,	Gilbert St. Dennis,	46	—	—	Heart Disease.
" 18,	Benjamin F. Pearson,	53	4	29	Consumption.
" 19,	Benjamin M. White,	42	11	14	Pneumonia.
June 3,	Sally Harden,	83	—	—	Neuralgia of Heart.
" 22.	Robert Wade,	53	8	15	Bright's Disease.
" 23,	John H. Vosmus,	55	9	18	Consumption.
July 28,	Levi Churchill,	78	5	23	Bright's Disease.
Aug. 3,	Frederic L. Ames,	—	10	26	Cholera Infantum.
" 7,	John T. Barton,	15	—	6	Diphtheria.
" 12.	Rosa B. White,	—	—	12	Malformation of Heart.
" 19,	Nancy A. V. Wood,	68	3	29	Carcinoma.
" 20,	Charlie Winn,	3	4	—	Diphtheria.
" 20,	Mary Bemis,	—	4	3	Teething.
" 22,	John Cook,	68	—	—	Apoplexy.
" 22,	Vera S. Ransden,	—	3	18	Erysipelas.
" 25,	Rodney Bouldry,	27	—	—	Acute Gastritis. [Brain.
Sept. 6,	James Siddall,	85	6	21	Organic Disease of the
" 7.	Maud L. Richardson,	—	1	18	Whooping Cough.
" 18,	Joseph Souza,	2	11	14	Diphtheria.
" 18.	Rufus Adams,	72	11	—	Marasmus.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1881.—*Continued.*

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES.	AGE. Years.	Months.	Days.	DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
1881.					
Sept. 19,	Charles M. McCarter,	—	3	8	Anemia.
" 25,	Frederic Shepard,	—	9	14	Diphtheria.
" 26,	Elman Bordeau,	2	4	23	Diphtheria.
" 29,	Thomas Mahoney,	3	6	—	Diphtheria.
" 30,	Bertha E. Caswell.	9	7	—	Diphtheria.
Oct. 4,	John J. Campbell,	4	3	10	Diphtheria.
" 6,	Katie Roach,	2	6	21	Membranous Croup.
" 7,	Alice M. Campbell,	2	8	9	Diphtheria.
" 7,	Grace L. Nutter,	1	2	—	Strangulated Hernia.
" 12,	Frederick C. Edson,	8	4	6	Diphtheria.
" 13,	Michael J. Foley,	8	4		Diphtheria.
" 14,	Florence A. Foley,	10	—	—	Diphtheria.
" 17,	Emma Louise Keith,	2	8	15	Diphtheria.
" 18,	Maria E. Foley,	7	—	—	Diphtheria.
" 20,	Nellie Buckley,	5	6	—	Diphtheria.
" 24,	Edgar A. Ramsdell.	23	8	19	Bright's Disease.
" 26,	Elizabeth F. French,	1	10	1	Diphtheria.
" 27,	Mary L. Carr.	4	11	—	Diphtheria.
Nov. 2,	George E. Clark,	11	10	29	Diphtheria.
" 9,	Frederick L. French,	5	4	2	Diphtheria.
" 10,	Celia M. Clark,	40	6	21	Diphtheria.
" 13,	Daniel Desmond,	17	3	13	Diphtheria.
" 15,	Greenough Wood,	72	7	11	Heart Disease.
" 16,	Edwin A. Millet,	—	4	1	Diphtheria.
" 22,	Sears R. Frost.	46	6	2	Paralysis of Brain.
" 23,	Lucy H. Harlow,	26	2	—	Phthisis.
" 27,	Robert Wilder,	24	3	20	Acute Meningitis.
Dec. 1,	Emma L. Alden,	4	5	14	Membranous Croup.
" 4,	Josephus Freeman,	83	6	—	Old Age.
" 15,	George H. Savory,	62	—	—	Marasmus.
" 19,	Sally H. Brown,	63	11	9	Paralysis.
" 24,	Ellen R. Griffin,	2	3	5	Diphtheria.

Whole number of deaths in 1881 63.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

—OF THE—

Town of East Bridgewater

—FOR—

1881-2.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At the last annual Town Meeting, Mr. R. O. Harris was re-elected a member of the School Committee for a term of three years.

The Board was organized by the choice of F. S. Strong as Chairman, E. W. Nutter as Treasurer, and R. O. Harris as Secretary.

The schools were assigned for supervision as follows: To Mr. Strong, the Central Grammar and the schools at Elmwood and Satucket; to Mr. Nutter, the North, East, and West Primaries, and the Centre Intermediate; to Mr. Harris, the High School and the schools at Curtisville, Eastville, Northville, and Beaver.

The Committee respectfully submit the following report of the condition and needs of the public schools.

We find, upon comparing the records of the schools with the enumeration of children of school age residing in town on the first day of May, that the proportion not attending is small, showing that the laws of the State upon this subject are generally complied with. We have not been obliged to employ the truant officers at all, as we have been able to secure the attendance of children without resorting to the Courts.

Below is a list of teachers employed during the year, and their respective schools :

High School	Wyman C. Fickett, *Principal.* Miss Jenny E. Chandler, *Assistant.*
Central Grammar	E. W. Nutter.
Intermediate	Miss Sara E. Wilbar. Miss Lucy H. Keith. Miss Agnes Voigt. Miss Ann W. Harden.
North Primary	Miss Agnes Voigt. Miss Lottie R. Edson.
East Primary	Miss Ann W. Harden. Miss Mary E. Fuller.
West Primary	Miss Lucy H. Keith. Miss Bertha Nash. Agnes Voigt.
Elmwood Grammar	Miss Mary M. Leonard. Miss Carrie B. Dennis.
Elmwood Primary	Miss Lora G. Kingman.
Satucket	Miss M. Jennie Whitman. Mrs. John W. Harden. Mary J. Whitmarsh.
Curtisville	Miss Ellen M. Buttomer.
Eastville	Miss Frances I. Leach. Miss Agnes K. Littlefield.
Northville	Miss Fannie M. Gurney. Miss Lydia T. Chamberlain.
Beaver Grammar	Miss Lura Whitmarsh. Miss Mary W. Wentworth. Miss Hattie J. Whitmarsh.
Beaver Primary	Miss Lura J. Burrell. Miss Hattie E. Sampson.

It will be seen by the above list that several new teachers have been employed, and that several of the old teachers have been transferred from one school to another.

The plan of employing the graduates of our own High School, after first giving them some preliminary training, has so far worked well, and when it has been in operation longer, and its advantages are better understood by the graduates, we believe it will prove of great benefit to the schools.

Young ladies who are residents of the town and who have graduated from its schools will, it seems to us, have a more lively interest in the schools under their charge, and a better understanding of their needs and capabilities, than teachers coming here from other places, having no previous knowledge of their pupils.

High School.

At the close of the last year, a class of nine completed the prescribed course of study, and were awarded diplomas by the Committee. The graduating exercises were very interesting and were attended by a large audience.

The names of the graduating class are as follows :

Levi P. Churchill,
Moses B. Kaven,
Louisa C. Allen,
Lottie R. Edson,
Cora J. Ripley,
Ella M. Norris,
Lizzie H. Voigt,
Lizzie W. Richards,
Hattie J. Whitmarsh.

Forty candidates for admission to the High School presented themselves at the annual examination in July. Of these twenty-four were admitted, and of the twenty-four, six were admitted unconditionally.

The number of pupils now attending is divided among four classes, as follows :

Senior	8
Sub-senior	13
Middle	12
Junior	20
Total	53

Intermediate.

This school was established last year, and partially satisfies a long-felt want. Partially only, because it was designed to relieve our over-crowded Central Primaries, and the Central Grammar, but its seating capacity is not sufficiently great, and the Committee were compelled to advance some scholars to the Central Grammar who were not fully qualified, to make room for new-comers. This can only result in lowering the standard of scholarship.

The school is now crowded and it is not likely to become any smaller, as the tendency is towards increase in all the schools in the Centre. The only way of relieving the Intermediate and Central Grammar Schools is to replace the building at the West Primary by a new one having two school-rooms. If a proper building were erected there, we should have ample room for some years to come, and the schools could be better graded and made much more efficient.

Primaries.

The Primaries are most of them in good condition, and under the charge of competent teachers. The Committee have been able to provide for the use of these schools some new books, charts, etc., that have been of great service, thanks to the appropriation made for that purpose at the last Town Meeting. We would recommend a like appropriation each year.

Condition of Schools.

We have endeavored to maintain the standard of scholarship and think we have succeeded in so doing fairly well under the circumstances.

We have had a great deal of sickness among the children throughout the year; and during the fall the prevalence of diphtheria compelled us to close some of the schools, for times varying from a few days to several weeks. There has also been some sickness among the teachers.

All this has resulted in delay and confusion. In one or two schools, it is doubtful if we shall be able to complete the thirty-six weeks of school.

Tests.

We still maintain the system of tests, explained last year, and think as highly of it as ever.

Condition of Property.

The Committee have been able to make most of the repairs recommended in last year's report.

The Eastville house has been painted and put in good repair.

The house at Curtisville was shingled, but will need a good coat of paint before long.

The out-house at Beaver has been built, and the West Primary Building still stands, perhaps no worse than last year, certainly no better.

The blackboards are generally in very bad condition, and we would recommend an appropriation for the purpose of repairing them. We hope another year to be able to find a competent mason who can find time to do this work ; but during the last season we were unable to find a man who would undertake the small amount of work we wanted done, as better jobs were to be had.

Water.

Pipes have been laid from the well into the High School building, and the schools there are now well supplied. The other schools are badly off for water.

Stoves.

We have put coal stoves in three of the schools, and believe it should be done in all.

As the amount of money available for such things was not sufficient to pay for the stoves, and do all else that was needed to be done, Messrs. Gammons & Nutter kindly volunteered to furnish them, take a part of the amount, and let the rest lie over until after the Town Meeting in March next, and their offer was accepted by us.

Estimates.

The following sums will, in our opinion, be needed for the support of schools for the next school year:

School purposes	$5,000 00
Incidentals	300 00
Repairs	300 00
Books and material	50 00

F. S. STRONG,
E. W. NUTTER,
R. O. HARRIS,
School Committee.

East Bridgewater, February 20, 1882.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

The following tables show the number of children of school age in town on May 1st; the number attending, etc.:

Whole number attending	507
Number between five and fifteen attending	465
Number under fifteen not attending	17
Number over fifteen attending	51
Number under five attending	8
Number between eight and thirteen attending	238
Number between eight and thirteen not attending	1
Number attending private schools or schools elsewhere	14

NAME OF SCHOOL.	NUMBER OF PUPILS.			Per cent. of Average Attendance for Year.
	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	
High School	47	56	54	94
Central Grammar	36	51	48	93
Elmwood Grammar	22	23	22	90
Beaver Grammar	32	33	33	88
Center Intermediate	56	58	54	85
North Primary	..	37	32	..
East Primary	46	40	33	81
West Primary	51	52	48	90
Beaver Primary	36	34	28	85
Elmwood Primary	34	29	27	90
Eastville	32	32	34	86
Northville	26	42	43	90
Curtisville	20	20	22	93
Satucket	19	16	12	90

During the Fall term, the schools in the center of the town were closed for several weeks, on account of the prevalence of diphtheria, and their per cent. of attendance was considerably reduced.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Orders to the following amounts were drawn after the date of last year's report, to pay expenses for the remainder of the Winter term of 1881-82:

Teaching	$757 55
Care of houses	91 75
Fuel	5 05
Labor	1 00
Total	$855 35

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.

School Purposes.

Appropriation	$5,000 00
Received from State Treasurer	198 52
Received from County Treasurer	123 42
Received from Town of West Bridgewater	110 33
Amount available	$5,432 27

EXPENDITURES.

Teaching.

Wyman C. Fickett, High School	$857 00
Jenny E. Chandler, High School	326 00
L. W. Richards, High School	25 00
Edmund W. Nutter, Central Grammar	364 10
Sara E. Wilbar, Center Intermediate	83 20
Lucy H. Keith, Center Intermediate	16 50
Hattie F. Whitmarsh, Center Intermediate	19 50
Agnes A. Voigt, Center Intermediate	69 00
Ann W. Harden, East Primary	167 30
Mary E. Fuller, East Primary	24 00
Agnes A. Voigt, North Primary	105 60
Lottie Edson, North Primary	64 40
Lucy H. Keith, West Primary	72 80
Bertha A. Nash, West Primary	64 20
Mary M. Leonard, Elmwood Grammar	90 00
Carrie B. Dennis, Elmwood Grammar	138 85
Lora G. Kingman, Elmwood Primary	224 55
M. Jennie Whitman, Satucket	84 00
Mrs. J. W. Harden, Satucket	112 00
Mary J. Whitmarsh, Satucket	24 00
Ellen M. Buttomer, Curtisville	217 00
Frances I. Leach, Eastville	85 40
Agnes A. Littlefield, Eastville	96 00
Fannie M. Gurney, Northville	161 00
Lura J. Whitmarsh, Beaver Grammar	103 60
Mary M. Wentworth, Beaver Grammar	88 00
Hattie F. Whitmarsh, Beaver Grammar	64 00
Lura J. Burrell, Beaver Primary	73 20
Hattie E. Sampson, Beaver	120 00
Town of South Abington	8 45
Total	$3,948 65

CARE OF HOUSES.

Mrs. Kate Barrett	$25 00
E. W. Nutter	6 50
Ann W. Harden	6 00
Agnes A. Voigt	4 25
Lucy H. Keith	2 75
Bertha A. Nash	2 75
Albert B. Edson	6 00
Cecil Hoyt	6 00
Nellie C. Wade	3 00
Mrs. J. W. Harden	3 00
Ellen M. Buttomer	6 00
Ira F. Porter	3 00
Fannie M. Gurney	3 00
Alice F. Boden	3 00
Florence Dunbar	6 00
Eva A. Bates	3 00
J. Addie Osborne	3 00
Mrs. Norman Johnson, cleaning	2 62
Mrs. Kate Short, cleaning	2 38
Mrs. Kate Winn, cleaning	2 37
Mrs. Kate Barrett, cleaning	7 62
Mrs. George Sites, cleaning	6 40
Mrs. Sheridan, cleaning	3 00
Ellen M. Buttomer, cleaning	3 00
Mrs. Sears Frost, cleaning	4 00
Mrs. Lorinda Pratt, cleaning	3 00
Mrs. J. A. Chandler, cleaning	8 50
Edgar L. Clark, cleaning	2 50
Total	$137 64

FUEL.

John Hobart, coal	$161 50
Joshua Dean, coal	53 50
Galen Latham, wood	6 00
Bosworth Brothers, wood	144 86
Lura J. Burrell, wood	40
E. S. Davenport, preparing fuel	9 25
Waldo Hayward, preparing fuel	2 00
Arthur C. Churchill, preparing fuel	3 00
Charles Whiting, preparing fuel	6 25
Herbert C. Keith, preparing fuel	19 75
Hiram Peasley, preparing fuel	12 13
Lucius Harding, preparing fuel	2 50
Ira F. Porter	3 00
Alton F. Jefferson	3 00
	$427 14

RECAPITULATION.

Amount available for school purposes		$5,432 27
Paid for teaching	3,948 65	
Paid for care of houses	137 64	
Paid for fuel	427 14	
	$4,513 43	
Unexpended balance	918 84	
		$5,432 27

REPAIRS.

Paid—

Gammons & Nutter, pump, pipe and labor	$111 75
Gammons & Nutter, stoves, hardware, etc	80 56
Charles H. Goss, lumber	40 30
Luther Wade, painting and repairs at Eastville	45 00
Luther Wade, shingling, Curtisville	25 00
Isadus Fuller, labor	8 75
Samuel R. Newhall, labor	30 25
Leonard Seaver, labor	3 90
Hiram Peasley, labor	7 88
Minot S. Curtis, setting glass, etc	7 02
Alfred Bartlett, setting glass	1 50
E. W. Nutter, paid for curtains, etc	4 37
Total	$366 28
Appropriation	350 00
Expended in excess of appropriation	$16 28

INCIDENTALS.

Paid—

Hopkins & Marden, brooms, etc	$17 72
Boston School Supply Co., record books, crayons	31 89
Gammons & Nutter, brushes, hardware, etc	59 12
I. N. Nutter, books and stationery	48 27
Jarvis Burrell, printing	24 35
D. B. Brooks & Co., ink	13 50
A. G. Whitcomb & Co., table	6 00
Press Publishing Co., labels	2 00
W. C. Fickett, book	90
Frank Smith, acid	75
Leopold Voigt, filling diplomas	2 00

Mary S. Keith, ribbon	$1 50
George L. Jones, clock	4 75
George L. Jones, cleaning clock	1 00
J. H. Potter, cleaning clock	1 00
Henry Edson, damage to hedge	3 00
E. W. Nutter, paid for express, etc	6 40
Benjamin Alden, printing notices	2 60
Edwin Hayward, cleaning wells	8 00
R. O. Harris, blinds	1 00
Alger & Co., carting and express	7 15
M. L. Webber, carting	3 50
Carver Cotton Gin Co., labor	2 85
C. G. Littlefield, labor	1 40
Lucius Harding, labor	1 00
J. M. Whitman, labor	70
Charles Whiting, labor	2 00
J. W. Harden, labor	50
Benjamin Alden, taking census	15 00
William Damon, statistical tables	7 50
Total	$277 35
Appropriation	250 00
Expended in excess of appropriation	27 35

BOOKS AND MATERIALS.

Paid Boston School Supply Co., readers, charts, etc.,	$53 82
Appropriation	50 00
Expended in excess of appropriation	$3 82

E. W. NUTTER, *Treasurer of School Committee.*

FEBRUARY 20, 1882.

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1883.

BOSTON:
ALFRED MUDGE & SON, PRINTERS,
34 School Street.
1883.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1882.

Town Clerk.

FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer.

ISAAC N. NUTTER.

Collector.

GEORGE A. WHEELER.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

HENRY GURNEY. CHARLES H. GOSS. L. WATTS RICHARDS.

School Committee.

FREDERIC S. STRONG. EDMUND W. NUTTER. ROBERT O. HARRIS.

Auditors.

E. S. WHITMARSH. I. N. KEITH. G. C. ALLEN.

Constables.

BENJAMIN SIDDALL. FRANCIS W. FRENCH. T. S. H. ROUNSVILLE.
SAMUEL LUZARDER. WALES ROGERS.

Highway Surveyor.

SAMUEL KEITH.

Board of Health.

CHARLES W. HARRIS. HENRY GURNEY. CHARLES E. FIELD.
CHARLES H. GOSS. L. WATTS RICHARDS.

Fence Viewers.

A. HARRIS LATHAM. HENRY GURNEY.

Field Drivers.

BENJAMIN SIDDALL. FRANCIS HAYWARD.

Measurers of Wood.

JOHN E. WATERMAN. HARRISON W. WHITE. CHARLES H. GOSS.

Weighers of Coal.

JOHN E. WATERMAN. WILLIAM O. SHELDON.
SAMUEL E. KEITH. GEORGE ALLEN.

Surveyor of Lumber.

S. L. SEAVER.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ROBERT YOUNG.

Sexton.

MELVIN L. WEBBER.

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

Labor on highway, and aid to poor in other towns, estimated	$150 00

ASSETS.

Due from Commonwealth, corporation tax .	$367 92
Commonwealth, for State aid . .	1,069 00
Commonwealth, for aid to indigent soldiers	227 00
Collector	45 12
Other towns	1 82
Cash in treasury	1,859 09
	$3,569 95

RECAPITULATION OF THE TOWN APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1883.

	Appropriations.	Paid out.	Overdrawn.	Unexpended.
Building Cook Street	$100 00	$110 00	$10 00	
Available for schools and property	6,369 28	6,441 53	72 25	
Repairs of highways	2,500 00	2,412 28		$87 72
Bridges and culverts	500 00	303 66		196 34
Completion of Harvard St.	200 00			200 00
Payment town officers	1,000 00	1,186 62	186 62	
Incidentals	600 00	452 37		147 63
Decorations soldiers' graves	100 00	100 00		
Removal of snow	500 00	530 02	30 02	
Suppression of crime	200 00	50 00		150 00
New school-house	2,863 75	3,353 47	489 72	
If the corporation and bank tax received and due from Commonwealth on this year's tax be used for support of poor, as formerly, instead of cash in treasury, amount available is	2,324 92	2,299 74		25 18
Amount unexpended from appropriations and all other sources for year ending Jan. 31, 1883		18 26		
	$17,257 95	$17,257 95		

STATE AID.

PAID FROM FEB. 1, 1882, TO FEB. 1, 1883.

Harriet Eddy	$48 00
Sarah B. Gould	48 00
Sarah C. Hudson	48 00
Betsey A. Hale	48 00
Mary Hudson	48 00
Harriet F. McCarter	48 00

Mary S. Ripley	$48 00
Lydia A. Sylvester	44 00
Thankful O. Trow	48 00
Lydia A. Hale	48 00
Eldridge Winsor	72 00
Charles L. Jones	72 00
Edmund W. Nutter	72 00
Perez Williams	72 00
Barzilla F. Ellis	72 00
Harriet Vosmus	48 00
Jane R. Bancroft	48 00
William L. Morey	36 00
Bradford Little	12 00
Charlotte E. Hansell	8 00
	$988 00

AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Joseph M. Whitman	$80 00
Charles D. Hatch	68 00
Selden M. Washburn	72 00
Waterman J. Ellis	40 00
Charles Wright	80 00
Ferender C. Negus	100 00
	$440 00

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Paid Abatement of taxes	$152 12
J. S. Allen, almshouse investigation, 1881	19 00
Samuel Keith, almshouse investigation, 1881	10 00
C. E. Field, almshouse investigation, 1881	10 00
Avery & Doten, printing town reports, 1881	96 90

Paid Obed W. Shaw, relinquishment contract	$35 00
Cutter Tower, stationery	9 17
Enoch Freeman, cutting wood, town office	2 00
A. P. Smith, printing assessors' circulars	13 00
Alfred O. Pardy, damage on highway	5 00
Andrew Gale, moving hook and ladder house	15 00
B. W. Keith, postal cards	12 50
E. B. Iron Co., labor on H. and L. house	1 14
Jarvis Burrell, printing	19 50
Charles H. Goss, car fare, use of team	6 70
L. W. Richards, cash paid and use of team	11 72
Henry Gurney, team and car fare	23 55
Isaac N. Nutter, cash for postage	2 07
Melvin L. Webber, teams and return permits	8 00
	$452 37

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The surveyor has paid the following persons for labor and materials, as follows: —

Waldo Hayward	$78 28
Bela Hayward	5 88
Fred Johnson	14 25
Wallace Whitman	5 00
Francis Hayward	139 43
James Kingman	2 25
Samuel S. Keith	31 50
D. W. Gurney	23 25
John B. Thayer	7 50
Henry Gurney	40 00
Walter L. Benson	26 25

George L. Chamberlin	$12 60
George G. Harlow	13 80
B. H. Fisher	20 00
Freeman Cushman	5 10
William Shaw	13 50
Eliab Latham	110 15
John S. Eastman	45 90
John F. Cook	36 00
Dennis Curran	86 15
David S. Gurney	4 50
Patrick Dillon	28 12
William Dyson	2 45
Jarvis Burrell	2 00
Martin Sumner	39 75
Nathaniel Perkins	11 41
Mark P. Hudson	27 80
Patrick Fitzgerald	36 70
Cephas Washburn	2 50
C. H. Harlow	1 50
Charles Thrasher	6 50
George W. Harden	63 20
Ezra F. Sampson	81 37
Dana F. Edson	18 52
Luther Harden	80 35
Jabez H. Sturtevant	35 40
Patrick Barrett	20 25
Steven O'Neill	2 25
David Roach	138 30
Gammons & Nutter	13 11
N. K. Richardson	4 50
J. M. Loucraft	7 80
E. B. Iron Co.	27 61
Levi W. Noyes	6 00
E. L. Clark	57 00

A. P. Sturtevant	$3 00
Barney Sheridan	16 50
Allen Washburn	14 00
Chas. Potter	24 75
Sam. T. Howland	10 75
Calvin S. Whitman	15 75
Joseph W. Perry	13 50
Oliver Pratt	23 94
Ebenezer Whitmarsh	32 05
David Pratt	21 00
Charles W. Pratt	9 40
Lucius Harden	3 00
N. W. French	2 76
John B. Brown	3 00
William Ramsdell	15 75
Charles W. Harris	5 00
Lemuel Dunbar	1 50
Estate of L. Richards	3 15
Herbert C. Keith	62 11
Charles A. Latham	26 45
E. Bird	1 00
A. K. Benson	30 37
M. Boynton	15 75
James Clifford	13 50
Daniel Desmond	23 55
John Cummings	13 25
Edward Carr	42 87
Joseph Morse	1 44
James McAnaugh	6 00
Frank E. Mitchell	3 75
Daniel Groves	56 78
Mary E. White	16 00
Hosea Hathaway	35 00
Zenas Sturtevant	4 25

Michael Fitzgerald	$18 00
James F. Cook	30 00
Patrick Drislane	23 10
I. N. Nutter	7 38
Galen Latham	33 65
William Green	6 00
William Desmond	3 00
George French	1 80
R. C. Keith & Bros.	3 80
Thomas Hewitt	1 40
E. Davenport	4 70
C. H. Goss	19 40
Wales Rogers	75
Samuel Shaw	75 00
Cyrus Monroe	11 00
Michael Feeney	7 75
Blany P. Beals	3 60
H. W. White	6 00
F. M. Kingman	1 50
A. H. Keene	1 00
John Burges	5 25
W. B. Crocker	1 50
Luke Worcester	2 75
Freedom Keith	70
E. Thayer	45
Cornelius E. Hooper	6 90
Samuel Keith	127 85
John Lane	1 50
	$2,412 28

Received of the Selectmen orders to the amount of $2,412 28

There are three unsettled bills to the amount of about $60 00

SAMUEL KEITH, *Surveyor.*

Removing Snow, Storm of Feb. 4, 1882.

Paid L. Churchill, Jr.	$3 50
W. M. Judkins	6 40
S. C. Smith	3 20
P. Luddy *et als.*	37 40
C. H. Harlow	1 70
W. M. Judkins *et als.*	77 75
L. W. Noyes *et als.*	48 92
Joshua Sturtevant	9 70
Ira H. Sumner	1 40
D. W. Gurney.	11 00
E. Whitmarsh *et als.*	26 90
David S. Gurney	80
James Brown *et als.*	9 40
William A. Dyson, Jr.	1 30
Melzar Waterman	2 60
Simeon G. Whitmarsh	2 80
Chas. Gaffney & Bro.	5 60
E. L. Clark *et als.*	11 30
Otis Bisbee	1 50
Martin Beal	1 00
George W. Harden *et als.*	42 85
Samuel Keith *et als.*	39 40
Francis Hayward	5 95
Theodore Hobart *et als.*	8 70
Luther Harden *et als.*	9 70
C. H. Goss *et als.*	35 40
Daniel Groves, superintendent almshouse	7 88
W. K. Churchill	3 40
Allen Washburn	7 20
N. A. Washburn	1 90
Henry Gurney.	4 25

Paid Eliab Latham	$15 45
John B. Porter *et als.* (4 bills)	4 77
Lucius Bonney *et als.* (3 bills)	2 90
Charles Thrasher *et als.* (2 bills)	3 60
William Desmond *et als.* (2 bills)	3 40
C. E. Hooper	5 10
Charles A. Latham	1 25
R. A. Littlefield	1 60
William H. Jefferson	6 25
G. A. Wheeler	2 00
Daniel Groves, paid Bloomstrand	1 00
	$478 12

The following persons have been paid by me for clearing the roads of snow-storm of Jan. 10, 1883: —

Henry Gurney	$5 50
Mitchell Gochil	2 00
Charles A. Latham	2 40
E. H. Brown	1 20
C. E. Brown	2 40
Alonzo Sharp	1 20
J. W. Perry	1 50
L. P. Daniels	1 00
John Curley	2 80
Luther Harden	1 50
E. F. Sampson	1 50
Melzar Waterman	1 00
Jehiel B. Harden	3 00
Hosea Hathaway	1 00
William Dowl	1 00
David H. Gurney	1 00
Allen Washburn	2 40
Eliab Latham	3 60
David Roach	$7 20
Francis Hayward	3 70

Galen Latham	1 00
Samuel Keith	2 00
E. L. Clark	2 00
	$51 90
Amount drawn from selectmen	$51 90

SAMUEL KEITH, *Surveyor.*

Total amount paid for clearing roads of snow during year $530 02

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

Paid Theodore Hobart, labor	$1 00
Blackmer & Shepard, timber	53 13
Oakes S. Soule, lumber	24 64
E. P. Reed & Co., plank	74 09
Michael Fitzgerald, labor	21 00
F. A. Trescott, labor	6 20
Gammons & Nutter, supplies	1 50
East Bridgewater Iron Co., labor	7 75
Henry Gurney, labor	31 50
Ezra F. Sampson, labor	5 00
S. L. Ryder, labor	41 82
Old Colony Railroad, freight bill	8 94
James Fitzgerald	13 50
C. H. Goss, lumber and spikes	8 59
Alger & Co.'s Express, carting timber	2 00
M. L. Webber, labor	3 00
	$303 66

When the town is obliged to build new bridges, we think it would be economy to build of stone or iron instead of wood.

HENRY GURNEY,
L. WATTS RICHARDS,
Selectmen.

SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Paid George A. Wheeler	$50 00

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid Minot S. Curtis	$100 00

NEW WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Orders drawn by Selectmen for land, labor, and material, as per report of Building Committee,	$31,68	22
Amount drawn by School Committee .	141	25
	$3,309	47

ORDERS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN.

F. S. Strong, committee	$7 00
E. W. Nutter, "	14 00
R. O. Harris, "	11 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, "	12 00
Total cost of building, land, and committee .	$3,353 47

EXTENSION OF COOK STREET.

Paid Henry Gurney	$29 50
Daniel Groves, supt. almshouse . .	80 50
	$110 00

COMPLETION OF HARVARD STREET.

We contracted with Mr. James Brown for a part of this labor, but only a small amount was performed at the time of his death. The account is unsettled.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Isaac N. Keith and L. W. Richards, auditors	$15 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, selectman, etc.	52 55
E. W. Nutter, school committee	108 25
R. O. Harris, school committee	106 76
Benjamin Siddall, constable	62 00
Eliab Latham, selectman, etc.	27 42
Henry Gurney, selectman, etc.	142 50
Samuel Luzarder, constable	10 00
Wales Rogers, constable	6 87
G. A. Wheeler	4 00
Wm. M. Judkins, constable	3 00
Charles H. Goss, selectman, etc.	50 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, information, pauper claims	5 00
L. W. Richards, selectman, etc.	195 87
Frank Smith, town clerk	59 25
George A. Wheeler, collector	148 82
Isaac N. Nutter, treasurer	100 00
Melvin L. Webber, sexton	50 00
F. S. Strong, school committee	36 33
George M. Keith, moderator	3 00
	$1,186 62

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

For incidentals	$452 37
Removing snow	530 02
Repairs of highways	2,412 28
Payment of town officers	1,186 62
Bridges and culverts	303 66

For Suppression of crime	$50 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves	100 00
New school-house	3,212 22
Aid to persons out of the almshouse	1,218 18
Support of poor in almshouse	1,494 82
Building new road	110 00
State aid	988 00
Aid to indigent soldiers	440 00
	$12,498 17

LIST OF PERSONS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN TO SERVE AS JURORS FOR 1883.

George W. Allen.
Wellington Caldwell.
Simeon Richmond.
Samuel Keith.
Martin P. McLauthlin.
William Ramsdell.
George E. Skillings.
Franklin Edson.
Granville C. Allen.
Edward F. Field.
Luther Harden.
Newton M. Keen.
Eliab Latham.
Nathan M. Pool.
Benjamin Ward.
Charles G. Wood.
Marcellus Boynton.
Charles Thrasher.
George B. Howland.
Francis Hayward.
Simeon C. Keith.
David Pratt.
Frank Smith.
Samuel C. White.
George W. Dunbar.
Eleazer Whitman.
Abbot T. Hewitt.
Asaph Thompson.
Zebina Keith.
Edmund W. Nutter.
Ezra F. Sampson.
William Edson.
Robert Young.

HENRY GURNEY,
L. WATTS RICHARDS,
Selectmen of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

VALUATION FOR 1882.

Real estate		$1,029,620 00
Personal estate		424,750 00
		$1,454,370 00
Number of polls, 810.		
Tax on each poll, $2.00.		
Rate of taxation, .0125.		
State tax		$1,540 00
County tax		1,524 42
Elmwood road and bridge		3,608 54
Interest on note		98 62
Town tax		14,250 00
Added above original tax warrants		778 04
		$21,799 62
Less estimate of corporation and bank tax from Commonwealth		2,000 00
		$19,799 62
Added, one poll		2 00
		$19,801 62
Committed for collection	$19,801 59	
Lost by fractions	03	
		$19,801 62

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

AMOUNT MONEY DRAWN FROM THE TREASURY.

Paid E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr., clothing, 1881	$37 55	
E. S. Whitmersh, Jr., clothing, 1882	1 00	
Amos Hunting, supplies	289 12	
Daniel Groves, salary	391 66	
Charles E. Gaffney, cutting wood	6 87	
Dr. C. E. Field, one half bill	25 00	
Charles H. Goss, mowing machine and horse rake	102 00	
Charles H. Goss, flour and grain	311 51	
Daniel Groves, to pay help haying	113 00	
Isaac N. Nutter, supplies	24 65	
Gammons & Nutter, supplies	18 13	
Martin Howland, oxen and bull	121 00	
Waldo Brothers, drain pipe	26 40	
Old Colony Railroad freight bill, drain pipe	1 43	
B. W. Keith, insurance almshouse, etc.	22 50	
E. S. Davenport, digging grave Adeline Keen	3 00	
		$1,494 82

CASH PAID BACK INTO TREASURY.

Sale of hay to James Munroe	$98 89	
Two steers	110 00	
Hay, Jacob Folsom	21 90	
Cash in hands superintendent almshouse, Feb. 1, 1883	104 79	
Drain pipe from almshouse	8 12	
Fat cattle to C. Leavitt	127 50	
		$471 20
		$1,023 62
Deduct amount of E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr., bill, 1881		37 55
Net amount drawn from treasury for support of poor in almshouse for year		$986 07
Number of inmates during the year		11
Average number		8
Present number		7
Cost per week for support, nearly		$2 37

Mrs. Adeline H. Keen has died during the year. We think there is as much personal property on hand as in the beginning of the year. There is less stock but more hay, and we have bought a new mowing machine and horse rake.

REPORT OF ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

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Cash received from treasury	$113 00
" " for labor and teams	215 05
" " hay sold	28 26
" " milk	16 23
" " eggs	13 06
" " butter	4 48
" " bull	22 50

Cash received for	onions	$8 15
" "	pork	18 62
" "	apples	1 22
" "	pumpkins	65
" "	beef	1 25
" "	sale steers	110 00
" "	old accounts	2 00
" "	from former board O. P.	59
" "	sale rake, lumber, etc.	5 10
" "	pasture and oats	21 93
		$582 09

In addition to this account have performed labor, sold hay, pork, butter, veal, etc., to the amount of $86.78, and exchanged with Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Hunting, and Mr. Ward, for labor, groceries, and beef.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

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Cash paid for	fish	$14 97
" " "	cloth	12 41
" " "	lounge	4 00
" " "	furniture, labor, repairs, etc.	25 20
" " "	tea	8 00
" " "	clothing	4 88
" " "	posts	4 40
" " "	sundries	9 97
" "	Mr. Holbrook, coffin, Mrs. Keen	10 00
" "	Gammons & Nutter	7 04
" "	Benjamin Ward, balance account	21 44
" "	A. Sturtevant, blacksmithing	20 93
" "	for pork barrels	3 25
" " "	seed	2 15

Cash paid for medicine		$4 65
" " Mr. Jefferson, balance account		14 53
" " Selectmen, money for steers		110 00
" " Lewis Raymond, labor		26 50
" " Charles Gaffney, labor		164 23
" " Charles Gaffney, slaughtering		5 00
" " for wood		3 75
" " Selectmen, balance cash on hand		104 79
		$582 09
Balance old bills due almshouse	$29 48	
" new " "	14 00	
		$43 48

AID TO POOR PERSONS OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1883.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board of Nathanial S. Bouldry	$187 29
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board of Hannah Dunn	185 96
City of Lynn, aid to the Connors children	221 50
Timothy Mitchell, aid to Lucina Mitchell, 1881	6 50
Mrs. Dugan	11 35
Mrs. Brainard	12 55
B. H. Fisher	5 00
Mrs. Thomas H. Cummings	41 19
Mrs. John H. Chadwick	23 27
Sally Packard	30 00
George W. Osborn	28 25
Mrs. Robert Wade	8 56
C. Atwood, belongs in Hanson	3 00

Paid Mrs. J. L. Coulter	$42 33	
H. Hutchinson, belongs in South Abington	3 00	
Hermon A. Washburn	28 35	
William U. Brett and family	82 00	
Robert Washburn	23 00	
Dr. C. E. Field, half of bill	25 00	
City of Brockton, aid to Andrew P. Young and family	25 86	
Mrs. Sears R. Frost	3 43	
Town Weymouth, aid O'Brien Quigley and family	10 00	
Charles D. Hatch and family	60 80	
City of Fall River, aid to Ferender C. Negus	41 75	
City of Lowell, aid to Catherine Quinn	21 00	
Frank Alden, belongs in Bridgewater	1 82	
	$1,132 76	
We have paid the Taunton Lunatic Hospital for board of Mrs. Mehitable Milliken, which has been refunded to the town	85 42	
		$1,218 18
Received and due from other towns		124 51
		$1,093 67
Town's proportion aid to indigent soldiers		220 00
Net amount of aid to poor and indigent soldiers out of almshouse		$1,313 67

HENRY GURNEY,
L. WATTS RICHARDS,
Overseers of Poor.

TOWN MEETING.

PLYMOUTH, ss. To either of the Constables of the town of East Bridgewater, in the county of Plymouth,

GREETING:

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

You are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of East Bridgewater, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet as the Town House, in said town, on Monday, the twelfth day of March, A. D. 1883, at one o'clock P. M., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit: —

ART. 1. To choose a moderator.

ART. 2. To act on the reports of town officers.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay all town expenses.

ART. 5. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 158 of the Acts of 1871. (Public Stat., Chap. 17, Sect. 74–78.) To see if the town will choose a Board of Road Commissioners.

ART. 6. To determine the manner of repairing the highways.

ART. 7. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ART. 8. To see if the town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 10. To act on a list of jurors proposed by the Selectmen.

ART. 11. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take in regard to requiring the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of Schools for this town.

ART. 13. To see what action the town will take in regard to the pay of members of the School Committee in case of the appointment of a Superintendent of Schools.

ART. 14. To see if the town will instruct the School Committee to have the lowest grade as now taught in the High School taught in the grammar schools, and raise the grade for admission to the High School, dispense with the assistant teacher, and divide the money now paid to that teacher among the other schools.

ART. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to build a new stone bridge near the house of Charles A. Latham.

ART. 16. To see if the town will purchase the lot of land upon which the Hook and Ladder House now stands.

ART. 17. To see if the town will build a sidewalk from the village to Elmwood on Bedford Street (by request).

ART. 18. To see whether the town will by its vote or otherwise ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens the right to hold town offices and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens (by request).

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up a copy thereof at the post-offices, and also at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said East Bridgewater, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

HENRY GURNEY,
L. WATTS RICHARDS,
Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Town Treasurer*,
in account with Town of EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1882.	DR.	
Feb. 20.	Balance, as per previous report .	$3,372 57
" 27.	Town of West Bridgewater, tuition.	110 33
	State treasurer, corporation tax .	67 08
	Town of Kingston, burial of child .	5 00
" 18.	G. A. Wheeler, interest collected .	10
Mar. 10.	C. H. Goss, for cinder . . .	5 25
	City of Taunton, aid to H. P. Caswell	20 09
April 1.	Overseers of poor, for hay sold .	98 89
" 10.	Willis Harden, release of real estate	68 15
" 13.	Charles W. Harden, " "	33 81
May 3.	Henry Gurney, release of real estate taxed to Mary Brown . .	29 23
" 17.	State treasurer, on town note . .	2,000 00
June 7.	Selectmen, amount received for cattle	110 00
" 24.	Agent of Barnum's Menagerie, damage to Hook and Ladder House	5 00
July 5.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest	10 00
" 15.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, on note of town . . .	2,000 00
Sept. 5.	Building committee of West Primary School-house, from sale of old house	163 75

Sept. 16.	Town of Hanson, aid to Atwood family	$3 00
" 26.	Henry A Osborne, release of real estate	8 59
Dec. 2.	State Treasurer, Corporation tax .	1,217 00
	National bank tax	740 10
	State aid . .	936 50
	Relief of soldiers.	105 00
1883.		
Jan. 22.	County treasurer, dividend on dog tax	233 45
" 25.	State treasurer, income school fund	196 37
Feb. 3.	Selectmen, balance of warden's account	104 79
	Selectmen, hay sold from almshouse	21 90
	Drain pipe sold . .	8 12
	Plank sold . . .	1 75
" 7.	Town of South Abington, aid to soldiers	31 27
	Town of South Abington, aid to H. Hutchinson	3 00
" 9.	Asa Millet, guardian of Mehitable Milliken, amount paid Taunton Lunatic Asylum . . .	85 42
" 13.	Town of West Bridgewater, tuition of scholars	89 46
	Geo. A. Wheeler, collector, on account of tax of 1882, including interest collected . .	19,797 78
" 9.	Selectmen, amount received for oxen sold from almshouse . .	127 50
		$31,810 25

CR.

1882.		
Feb. 27.	State treasurer, national bank tax .	$18 39
Aug. 10.	Town of Hanson, tax . . .	53
Oct. 2.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note	2,000 00
	State treasurer, two notes . .	5,608 54
	Interest on notes	146 73
Nov. 3.	County treasurer, county tax . .	1,524 42
Dec. 2.	State treasurer, State tax . .	1,540 00
	Orders drawn by selectmen outstanding at date of former report	16 35
	Orders drawn by school committee	6,582 78
	Orders drawn by selectmen . .	12,498 17
	Tax of 1882 on real estate held by town by deeds from collector .	15 25
		$29,951 16
	Cash on hand	1,859 09
		$31,810 25

I. N. NUTTER,
Town Treasurer.

East Bridgewater, Feb. 19, 1883.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

GEORGE A. WHEELER, *Collector*,
In account with Town of EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

To amount of commitment	$19,801 59	
To interest	41 29	
Total		$19,842 88

CR.

By amount paid treasurer	$19,797 76	
By taxes uncollected	45 12	
Total		$19,842 88

Cash paid treasurer by collector: —

Sept. 16, 1882	$465 00
" 23, "	1,517 82
" 27, "	393 38
" 30, "	7,992 46
Oct. 10, "	398 37
" 11, "	2,184 74
" 21, "	296 42
" 30, "	285 79
Nov. 4, "	296 50
" 7, "	828 29
" 11, "	250 00
" 21, "	324 92
" 28, "	505 58

Cash paid treasurer by collector: —

Dec. 2, 1882	$1,142 27
" 9, "	325 49
" 16, "	300 00
Feb. 7, 1883	2,107 40
" 17, "	183 35
	$19,797 78

ABATEMENTS.

George Adams, Jr., left town	$2 00
Joseph E. Allen, left town	2 87
Andrew J. Blair, left town	2 00
Charles D. Beauchemin, left town	2 00
James S. Bailey, not taxable	2 00
Nathan G. Bates, left town	2 00
Thomas Bouldry, unknown	2 00
William U. Brett, sick, unable to pay	2 00
Alson W. Chandler, not taxable	2 00
David Cavanaugh, left town	2 00
John Cook, estate of, not taxable	4 38
George Doherty, left town	2 00
James T. Eagan, left town	2 00
Dennis Eagan, left town	2 00
James P. Eagan, unknown	2 00
Franklin Edson, excess	25 00
John Fitzgerald, left town	2 00
Moses Fillon, left town	2 00
Estate Sears R. Frost, unable to pay	6 00
Lester H. Gurney, not taxable	2 00
Rurgur Gustoo, left town	2 00
Alonzo S. Hathaway, unable to pay	2 00
B. L. Hall, not taxable	2 00
A. L. Joyce, not taxable	2 00

James M. Jefferson, left town	2 38
William W. Keen, unable to pay	$6 87
B. W. Keith, excess	4 62
Jerry Laperl, left town	2 00
James McCarty, unknown	2 00
John Murry, unable to pay	2 00
Michael Mahoney, dead	2 00
Charles W. Nickerson, not taxable	2 00
George H. Pratt, Jr., not taxable	2 50
H. H. Packard, not taxable	2 50
George T. Parker, unknown	2 00
John Quinlan, left town	2 00
Dexter Reed, estate of, unable to pay	5 63
Reuben Rice, not taxable	2 00
Rogers & Sheldon, excess	2 50
K. E. Sheldon, excess	7 12
Byron Spiller, left town	2 00
C. C. Small, left town	2 00
Charles Sullivan, not taxable	2 00
William E. Shaw, left town	2 00
Frank E. Wentworth, Florida	2 00
George G. Wilbar, unable to pay	2 00
Harriet Washburn, unable to pay	1 25
Robert Washburn, unable to pay	2 00
Robert Young, excess	2 00
Frank Moore, left town	2 00
Charles Smith, unable to pay	2 50
Phillip Daniels, left town	2 00
	$152 12

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have hastily examined the accounts of the following named town officers, and report as follows:—

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn	$12,498 17
Paid by the treasurer	12,498 17

Orders drawn by former Board of Selectmen to the amount of $16.35 have been paid by the treasurer.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn	$6,582 78
Paid by treasurer	6,582 78

TREASURER.

Total amount received from all sources during the year	$31,810 25
Total amount paid by treasurer	29,951 16
Cash in hands of treasurer	$1,859 09

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection . . .	$19,801 59
Interest collected	41 31
	$19,842 90
Paid treasurer	19,797 78
Uncollected	$45 12
The total valuation is	$1,454,015 00

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. WHITMARSH,
I. N. KEITH,
G. C. ALLEN,

Auditors.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

1882.

Feb.	1.	Cash on hand	$134 92
"	3.	Ball	12 00
"	10.	Assembly	5 00
"	17.	Ball	12 00
"	19.	Temperance Union	2 50
"	22.	E. B. Band	12 00
March	8.	Concert	5 00
"	24.	Unitarian Society	5 00
"	31.	Unitarian Sunday School	5 00
April	6, 7.	High School	8 00
"	11.	Concert	5 00
"	14.	Ball	12 00
"	21.	Ball	12 00
"	26, 27, 28.	E. B. Band, Fair	10 00
May	11.	E. B. Band	3 00
"	25.	Temperance Convention	6 00
June	3.	Temperance Union	2 50
"	8.	C. B. Dobson	10 00
"	14.	Unitarian Sewing Circle	3 00
"	15.	Mrs. Parker	5 00
"	21.	Concert	5 00
Aug.	29.	Ellis Family	8 00
Sept.	12.	Ball	15 00
"	21.	Ball	13 00

Oct.	19.	Spauldings	$10 00
"	25.	Sullivan's Combination . . .	10 00
"	27.	Dance	10 00
Nov.	6.	Lecture	5 00
"	10.	Assembly	7 50
"	17.	Dance	8 00
"	24.	Assembly	7 50
"	30.	Dance	10 00
Dec.	8.	Assembly	7 50
"	14.	E. B. Band	12 00
"	19, 20.	Union Church Fair . . .	12 00
"	25.	Unitarian Society	5 00
"	27.	High School	5 00
1883.			
Jan.	1.	Unitarian S. S. Lower Hall . .	3 00
			$423 42

EXPENDITURES.

1882.			
Feb.	28.	Isadas Fuller	$15 50
March	1.	M. S. Curtis, painting . . .	125 00
"	2.	J. Hobart, coal	3 63
April	4.	Isadas Fuller	8 50
"	19.	J. Hobart, coal	6 13
May	6.	Isadas Fuller	13 50
July	1.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, etc. .	26 80
"	3.	Isadas Fuller	12 00
Oct.	6.	Isadas Fuller	9 50
"	7.	Henry Gurney, wood . . .	2 50
"	19.	Cash, for step-ladder . . .	4 50
Nov.	4.	F. E. Wentworth, signs . .	1 80
"	4.	Isadas Fuller	6 00
Dec.	8.	Isadas Fuller	9 00

1883.

Jan.	2.	J. Hobart, coal	$14 50
"	3.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, etc. .	21 05
"	3.	Insurance on Town Hall . .	37 50
"	5.	Isadas Fuller	9 00
"	31.	Frank Smith, wax for floor . .	1 35
"	31.	Frank Smith, sec. and treas. com. .	10 00
"	31.	Isadas Fuller	1 00
			$338 76
Feb.	1.	Cash on hand	84 66
			$423 42

E. S. WHITMARSH,
I. N. NUTTER,
FRANK SMITH,
Committee.

Audited Feb. 8, 1883.
G. C. ALLEN.

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE.

This committee held its first meeting at the office of E. S. Whitmarsh, Esq., on the evening of April 17, 1882, and organized by choosing Mr. F. S. Strong chairman, and R. O. Harris secretary.

Subsequent meetings were held, at which Mr. S. L. Ryder was present by invitation, and at which he submitted plans for a new building.

The plan by which the building was built was finally adopted by a majority of the committee at a meeting held on Friday, June 16.

Requests for bids for the contract for erecting the house were sent to various builders in the county, but only three were put in. That of Mr. F. P. Whitmarsh, of this town, was accepted, it being the lowest, and on July 4 a contract made with him, by your committee, for $1,850.

Mr. Whitmarsh went to work immediately, and pushed the work as rapidly as possible, but was unable to complete the building on Sept. 1, simply because the committee did not commence its work early enough last spring.

There is no need of saying much, if anything, in regard to the building, for it stands where all can see it. It affords two fine school-rooms, each with ample blackboard room, ample entrances, and wardrobes for the girls. The house is thoroughly built, and there is no place in it where either work or material fails to come fully up to the requirements of the contract.

The committee tender Mr. Whitmarsh their most hearty thanks for the courtesy shown them at all times when inspecting the building, and for the readiness with which he made the additions to or changes in the work, from time to time, as they suggested themselves.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

DR.

Appropriation for house and land	$2,700 00
Proceeds from old house	163 75
	$2,863 75

CR.

Paid Stephen Harlow, land	$85 00
Mrs. James Mahoney, land	85 00
Zina Hayward, cellar wall	112 70
Dennis Curran, carting	10 00
J. M. Whiting, mason work	203 99
Thomas Keith, surveying	6 00
F. P. Whitmarsh, contract	1,850 00
F. P. Whitmarsh, lumber	233 37
F. P. Whitmarsh, extra labor	110 15
Dennis Dreslane, labor	4 50
Cornelius O'Brien, labor	5 25
A. K. Benson, labor	46 55
Daniel Roach, filling	316 53
Michael Winn, labor	2 25
Con. Clarharty, labor	14 25
Nicholas Saunders, soil	52 68
E. S. Whitmarsh, agent, insurance	33 75
S. L. Ryder, architect	30 00

Paid J. A. Weston, chairs	$5 50
Buffalo Hardware Co., desks	102 00
Amount expended	$3,309 47
" available	2,863 75
Expended in excess	$445 72

FRED. S. STRONG,
E. S. WHITMARSH,
E. W. NUTTER,
ROBERT O. HARRIS,
Building Committee.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

Thirty-five marriages have been recorded during the year 1882.

Date.	Name of Groom and Brid , and Residence.
1882.	
Jan. 1.	Timothy Swift of Bridgewater, and Mary A. Burke of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
Jan. 11.	Carlos H. Place of Boston, and Pauline M. Keith of East Bridgewater. By Kev. J. W. Quinby.
Jan. 14.	Joseph W. Perry and Elizabeth A. Harden, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Jan. 14.	Roland V. Bouldry and Idella F. Vickery, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. F. A. Crafts.
Feb. 25.	Albert H. Brigham of South Abington, and Hannah J. Stevens of Hanson. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
March 16.	Elmer E. Magoun of Pembroke, and Edna S. S. Foster of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. H. Dowden.
April 2.	Edwin L. Emerson of Brockton, and Lora G. Kingman of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
April 9.	John Dillon and Sarah Connors, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
April 16.	Thomas Condon and Kate Carroll, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.

April 22. Anson W. Jenkins and Clara H. Hooper, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Perley M. Griffin.

May 11. Howard C. Pearson and Clara G. Bates, both of South Abington. By Rev. Perley M. Griffin.

May 16. Charles E. Spinney of Brockton, and Nellie M. Chandler of East Bridgewater. By Rev. F. A. Crafts.

June 7. Job E. Sisson and Lizzie F. Clarke, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. F. A. Crafts.

June 17. John F. Jordan of East Bridgewater, and Ella P. Peterson of Plymouth. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

June 20. Waldo A. Drake of South Abington, and Hannah A. Dyson of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

July 2. Frank B. Chandler and Sarah D. Lyon, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.

July 9. Albert H. Long and Lizzie Jones, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

July 30. John Ames of Marshfield, and Delia M. Beals of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Ebenezer Alden.

Aug. 21. Willard T. Holmes of East Bridgewater, and Rosanna Hagan of Bridgewater. By Rev. M. Doherty.

Sept. 16. Charles R. Larry and Bethia A. Hutchinson, both of South Abington. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Sept. 20. Charles E. Drake of East Bridgewater, and Susan E. Gay of Hudson, N. H. By Rev. W. W. Tufts.

Sept. 21. Henry F. Arnold of Brockton, and Eleva L. Jordan of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Oct. 5. Thomas H. Bouldry and Celia W. Gurney, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Oct. 8. James W. Porter and Carrie H. Baker, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. C. Bodwell.

Oct. 20. Nahum Keith of East Bridgewater, and Maria C. Thayer of Hanover. By Rev. J. W. Willett.

Oct. 21. Alphonso B. Wright of East Bridgewater, and Mary L. Sampson of Brockton. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Nov. 7. Samuel C. White and Mary E. White, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Nov. 11. Ernest W. Lindsey of West Bridgewater, and Elizabeth H. Gurney of East Bridgewater. By Rev. F. A. Crafts.

Nov. 19. Michael O'Fallon of West Bridgewater, and Ellen J. Duane of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.

Nov. 23. Samuel W. Barrett of East Bridgewater, and Nellie E. Casey of Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.

Nov. 27. George E. Crafts of East Bridgewater, and Rose R. Carter of Boston. By Rev. F. A. Crafts.

Nov. 28. Frank H. Weston of East Bridgewater, and Lizzie F. Estes of Duxbury. By Rev. R. D. Burr.

Nov. 29. Lucius R. Churchill of West Bridgewater, and Cora J. Poole of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.

Dec. 4. Daniel W. Noyes of East Bridgewater, and Amelia E. Williams of Brockton. By Rev. F. A. Crafts.

Dec. 20. William M. Dow and Flora R. Gurney, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

FRANK SMITH,

Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1882.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1882.		
Jan. 5....	Sarah Emmet Curran.....	Dennis and Mary A.
" 17....	Everett Forbes Hathaway.....	Walter B. and Angie.
Feb. 6....	Lucy Horton Curtis.....	Edward B. and Georgianna.
" 21....	Annie Francis Harden.....	John W. and Lura
" 23....	Lester Magoun Bradford.....	Orrin W. and Annie T.
March 2....	Fannie Murphy, } Triplets	William and Elizabeth.
" 2....	Katie Murphy, }	
" 2....	Delia Murphy, }	
" 23....	Clara Frances Winn.....	Bernard and Mary.
" 24....	Thomas Carroll.....	John W. and Annie.
April 6....	Michael Davitt Carroll.....	Patrick F. and Bridget.
" 12....	Clement Balfour Nash	Francis A. and Kezia.
" 19....	Grace Leonard Mann.....	Frederic C. and Millie L.
May 1....	Alton Lester McWilliams.....	Henry G. and Lydia J.
" 6....	John Foley.....	Francis J. and Annie M.
" 7....	Michael Foley.....	Patrick and Mary.
" 20...	Nellie May Sites.....	George and Joanna.
June 16 ...	Mary Alice Ramsdell	Albion L. and Hattie C.
" 17....	——— Willis.....	Galen. 2d, and Celia A.
" 28....	Edna Perkins Dyson.....	Edwin F and Eliza A.
July 12....	——— Temple	Marcus and Jane A.
" 17....	Patrick Francis Campbell.....	Edmund and Alice M.
Aug. 6....	Nelson Everett Richardson....	Everett N. and Lillian C.
" 20....	Robert Perkins Beals.....	John E. and Avis C.
" 24....	——— Dunbar.....	Horace P. and Ellen F.
Sept. 13....	Annie Watson Timmons.....	James and Catharine A.
" 21....	Alfred Russell Clark.....	Edward W. and Ruth A.
Oct. 2....	John Andrew Bussey.....	William H. and Catharine.
" 20....	Clarence Brewster Fuller, Jr..	Clarence B. and Sarah L.
" 24....	Minna Alger Hayward	Martin A and Ellen B.
" 29....	Edwin Martindale Skillings ...	George E. and Ada A. B.
Nov. 13....	Percy Landers Josselyn	William A. and Susan J.
" 22....	Lillith Sproat Swain.....	William D. and Ida W.
" 26....	Catharine Reardon Carroll....	Morris and Mary M.
Dec. 8....	Walter Burdoe.....	Timothy and Demarise.
" 8....	Lena Amanda Gardner.....	Edward C. and Susie A.
" 9....	Albert White.....	Paul and Annie P.
" 26....	Albert Butler Jenness	G. Butler and Ella M.
" 28....	Elizabeth Maud Alden.....	George E. and Edith C.
" 29....	——— Paine.....	Howard and Mary F.
" 30....	Lawrence Cavanaugh.....	David and Alice.
Jan. 18....	Daisy Clifton Churchill.....	Frank N. and Florence W.
1881.		
April 22....	Grace Neville	Andrew and Elizabeth.

Whole number of births in 1882, 42: males, 22; females, 20.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1882.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1882.					
Jan. 10,	Georgianna Humble	28	7	25	Phthisis.
" 26,	Harrison G. Byram	79	2	..	Apoplexy.
" 26,	Charles Clifton Bemis	..	..	5	Premature Birth.
Feb. 1,	Pamela Beals	77	..	25	Cancer.
" 8,	Lydia C. Benson	57	3	..	Chronic Nephritis.
" 15,	Bessie K. Bartlett	6	5	23	Diphtheria.
" 15,	Amelia E. Raymond	68	10	15	Peritonitis.
" 20,	Betsey J. White	59	9	..	Paralysis.
March 13,	Mary Ford	67	..	..	Cancer.
" 21,	Carrie Boden	9	..	..	Pneumonia.
April 7,	Bathshua Keith	90	6	18	Apoplexy.
" 14,	Joan Amelia Bird	41	6	..	Consumption.
" 20,	John L. Coulter	46	..	9	Internal Injuries.
" 28,	Eliza M. Chandler	86	5	7	Old Age.
May 7,	John Foley	..	..	2	Premature Birth.
" 10,	Mary J. Hobart	66	..	29	Lung Fever.
" 16,	Elizabeth M. Keith	14	8	15	Pulmonary Œdema.
" 23,	Sidney L. Bradford	20	6	..	Cerebral Meningitis.
June 13,	Phebe Jenkins	82	2	11	Old Age.
" 13,	John B. Fisher	41	4	2	Paralysis.
" 13,	Hannah M. Richards	47	10	5	Cancer.
" 19,	Nancy H. Blanchard	68	1	4	Marasmus.
" 20,	Mary W. Orr	84	4	21	Chronic Gastritis.
" 26,	Lawrence A. Duane	16	1	20	Diphtheria.
Aug. 6,	Wadsworth Phillips	81	11	14	Old Age.
" 8,	Abner L. Alden	76	8	17	Dysentery.
" 17,	Sidney Allen	75	11	6	Disease of Spleen.
" 18,	Hannah L. Litchfield	81	8	..	Colic.
Sept. 2,	Lizzie Mary Adams	..	9	13	Cholera Infantum.
" 9,	John B. Whiting	62	5	9	Consumption.
" 9,	William F. Pratt	69	11	25	Paraplegia.
" 23,	Arthur M. Freeman	20	4	11	Typhoid Fever.
" 25,	Edna P. Dyson	..	2	27	Meningitis.
" 28,	Katie L. Doody	18	11	7	Tuberculosis.
Oct. 1,	Joseph Souza		9	22	Cholera Infantum.
" 8,	Moses P. Perkins	82	11	27	Kidney Disease.
" 8,	John Lubey	64	..	..	Consumption.
" 24,	George W. Harden	58	8	19	Cancer.
Nov. 13,	Alfred B. Sime	3	..	..	Diphtheria.
" 22,	Albert E. Edson	12	3	1	Diphtheria.
" 25,	Lucy H. Keith	22	2	27	Phthisis.
Dec. 7,	James Brown	62	9	28	Paralysis.
" 12,	Scott Keith	85	0	19	Sclerosis of Liver.
" 14,	Allie L. Willis	13	11	25	Pericarditis.
" 18,	Gideon Wilbar	71	..	2	Typhoid Fever.

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FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

TAX PAYERS FOR YEAR 1882.

NAMES.	Personal.	Real.	Total Tax.
Abner L. Alden		$630	$9 88
Benjamin R. Alden	$1,000	40	15 00
Bradford Allen			2 00
Benjamin Alden	90		3 13
Bethuel Adams		900	13 25
Charles E. Allen			2 00
Charles W. Adams			2 00
David Allen			2 00
Diana Allen	350	3,290	45 50
Granville C. Allen			2 00
George Allen	500		8 25
George W. Allen	200	730	13 63
Galen Allen	190	1,890	28 00
George Adams, Jr			2 00
George E. Alden	30	550	9 25
Henry Allen	180	1,700	25 50
Harriet L. Alden		2,950	36 88
James S. Allen	3,600	5,000	109 50
Joseph Alden			2 00
J. S. Abbott			2 00
John Aldrich			2 00
Joseph E. Allen	70		2 87
Sidney Allen	2,060	2,100	54 00
Sidney Allen, trustee	1,000		12 50
Samuel B. Allen, estate of		2,130	26 62
William Allen		1,650	22 63
William Andrews			2 00
Albert Bates			2 00
Algenon S. Brett	30	750	11 75
Andrew J. Blair			2 00
Andrew G. Blackman	100	600	10 75
Asaph Beal			2 00
Alfred Bottomore	50	900	13 87
Albion K. Benson		750	11 38
Augustus W. Blanchard	370	975	18 81
Auguste A. Bailey			2 00
Blaney P. Beal	130	1,120	17 62
Branch L. Byram	50	700	11 38
Benjamin T. Baker			2 00
B. Warren Bennett			2 00
Charles Blockhouse		1,000	14 50

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Cushing Bird			$2 00
Charles D. Beauchenein			2 00
Charles W. Bennett		$1,350	18 88
Charles R. Beal	$220	1,900	28 50
Charles H. Brown	400	1,620	27 25
Charles Boden		450	7 62
Daniel T. Blanchard		800	12 00
David W. Brown	200	2,980	41 75
DeWitt C. Barker		900	13 25
David Brown, estate of	190	5,530	71 50
Daniel T. Blanchard, Jr.	225		4 81
Edwin Brown	270	1,200	20 38
Edwin W. Brown	30	1,200	17 37
Elijah Bird		500	8 25
Edmund Bird	30		2 38
Eleazer C. Bennett		750	11 38
Edward W. Barrows	100	1,950	27 62
Ezekiel R. Bartlett			2 00
Edward E. Brown			2 00
Fred. L. Benson			2 00
Fred. L. Brown	150		3 88
Fred. G. Bonney			2 00
George G. Beal	150		3 87
George Bryant	140	2,600	36 25
George H. Benson			2 00
George Benson	220	2,900	41 00
George W. Barrell, estate of		1,000	12 50
George Bush			2 00
George E. Brown	160	600	11 50
George W. Blanchard, estate of	40	3,590	45 38
George H. Byram, estate of		1,400	17 50
Henry W. Bird		600	9 50
Irving Bates			2 00
Isaac N. Bourne		750	11 37
Isaac J. Bourne		1,000	14 50
Horatio G. Bates, estate of		2,380	29 75
Isaac Brown		1,480	20 50
Jarvis Burrell	780	2,500	43 00
John Burgess	320	250	9 13
John A. Bourne			2 00
John E. Beal			2 00
John B. Brown	30	310	6 25
John E. Brown	20	390	7 13
Joseph E. Bisbee	130		3 62
James A. Bates	600		9 50
Joshua T. Brewster	90		3 13
James S. Bailey			2 00
James Brown			2 00
John Burrell	200		4 50
James A. Britton			2 00
John Buckley			2 00
Lucius Bonney	200	1,500	23 25

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Levi P. Bailey	$200	$1,360	$21 50
Lorenzo L. Byram	200	800	14 50
Levi A. Baker			2 00
Martin Beal	50	550	9 50
Marcellus Boynton			2 00
Mrs. M. A. Bailey	200	6,450	83 13
Michael Burke		400	7 00
Nathan G. Bates			2 00
Nathaniel S. Bouldry	30		2 37
Orrin W. Bradford		1,300	18 25
Oliver C. Barrows			2 00
Otis Bisbee	50		2 63
Patrick Birmingham	10	550	9 00
Nathaniel Beals, estate of		250	3 13
Peter Bloomstrand, estate of	220	200	5 25
Rodney W. Bouldry, estate of	30	70	1 25
Rowena W. Bennett		50	63
Reuben Bates	200	1,600	24 50
Royal T. Brett	50	450	8 25
Richmond A. Barton			2 00
Samuel Beal			2 00
Samuel W. Barrett			2 00
Susan W. Bennett		1,300	16 25
Sarah Bush	1,050	1,500	31 88
Susan Byram		150	1 88
Thomas Bouldry			2 00
Thomas H. Bouldry			2 00
William H. Brown	140		3 75
Walter Lawrence Benson	2,100		28 25
William U. Brett			2 00
William R. Barton	230		4 87
William E. Barton			2 00
William Bottomore			2 00
Walter H. Brown		60	2 75
Walter Loring Benson			2 00
William H. Bussey			2 00
Zephraim Bernier			2 00
Abisha S. Churchill		1,300	18 25
Andrew Clark		830	12 38
Alson W. Chandler			2 00
Bartley Curran	30	700	11 13
Charles F. Clark	30	900	13 62
Cornelius Clarharty			2 00
Clarence A. Chandler	5,300		68 25
Calvin Chamberlain			2 00
Charles Cole			2 00
Daniel Chaplin	150	1,300	22 13
Dennis Curran	150		3 87
David Cavanaugh			2 00
Elijah L. Clark	225	1,250	20 44
Edgar L. Clark	200	50	5 12
Elbridge Curtis, estate of		1,450	18 13

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Edmund Campbell		$800	$12 00
Edward Clark			2 00
Edward L. Churchill			2 00
Francis B. Chamberlain			2 00
Frank N. Churchill			2 00
Frank B. Chandler			2 00
Frederic A. Crafts	$150		3 88
Frank Collomore, Jr			2 00
Francis W. Chamberlain			2 00
George E. Crafts			2 00
George H. Carleton		850	12 62
George L. Chamberlain			2 00
Harvey Chandler	30	850	13 00
Henry Casey			2 00
Harry Cole			2 00
Harvey P. Carleton			2 00
John W. Carroll			2 00
John Curley			2 00
James W. Cooper		900	13 25
James Cunningham		400	7 00
John C. Carr		300	5 75
James W. Cooper, Jr.			2 00
James F. Cook			2 00
John Cummings	60	950	14 62
John Cook, estate of	150	2,500	33 13
James C. Cook	40	1,400	20 00
John A. Carr	7,000		89 50
Luther Churchill	120	2,200	31 00
Luther Churchill, Jr.	825	450	17 93
Lucius J. Curtis			2 00
Levi Churchill, estate of	50	4,550	57 50
Lot Campbell			2 00
Martha S. Curtis	100	3,350	43 13
Maurice Carroll			2 00
Minot S. Curtis	720		11 00
Newton Churchill	280	1,500	24 25
Patrick Carroll		1,350	18 87
Patrick Crowley		800	12 00
Patrick F. Carroll	50	600	10 13
Patrick N. Curley			2 00
Roland F. Copeland	150	1,160	18 37
Roger Carr			2 00
Sarah Conant	500	6,800	91 25
Seth P. Conant	100	1,300	19 50
Thomas Conant			2 00
Thomas Condon			2 00
Wellington Caldwell		2,100	28 25
William Camfill, estate of		1,350	16 88
William H. Chandler	40		2 50
Warren K. Churchill	700		10 75
Andrew Dwyer			2 00
Bart. J. Doody			2 00

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Daniel Desmond	$40	$800	$12 50
David W. Duane		750	11 37
Eliphalet S. Davenport		450	7 63
Eugene M. Dunphe			2 00
Edwin F. Dyson	60		2 75
Edward F. Davis			2 00
George R. Dyer			2 00
George Doherty			2 00
Horace P. Dunbar	200	700	13 25
Ira W. Drake		1,350	18 87
John T. Doten	220		4 75
Joshua Dean	3,210	9,050	155 25
John Dean	50	1,250	18 25
John E. Davenport		700	10 75
John Desmond		650	10 12
Jeremiah Dunn		50	63
James M. Dunphe	200	1,500	23 25
James Dillon			2 00
John Dillon			2 00
Lemuel Dunbar		1,000	14 50
Lewis Delano	170	1,220	19 38
Lucius F. Dickerman	150	1,200	18 88
Michael Doody	180	1,250	19 87
N. Frank Dunphe			2 00
Patrick Dreslane	120	1,100	17 25
Phil p Daniels			2 00
Ruel Dean	300	1,300	22 00
Samuel C. Davenport			2 00
William Desmond	390	2,000	31 88
William A. Dyson	140	580	13 00
Albert C. Edson		750	11 37
Alfred G. Edson			2 00
Barzilla F. Ellis	130		3 63
Benjamin F. Edson		850	12 62
Charles H. Edson			2 00
Daniel P. Edson		1,150	16 38
Dana F. Edson		60	2 75
Dennis Eagan			2 00
Edward E. Edson			2 00
Edmund Elligott			2 00
Franklin Edson	2,850	5,100	101 38
Frank L. Erskine		1,000	14 50
George H. Elwell	120	100	4 75
Henry Edson		2,500	33 25
Hiram H. Erskine		1,750	23 87
John Elligott		150	3 88
Jonah Edson, estate of		1,300	16 25
John S. Eastman	40		2 50
James T. Eagan			2 00
James P. Eagan			2 00
Lydia B. Ellis		2,200	27 50
Mary A. P. Edson	6,000	1,550	94 38
Hiram Peaslee			2 00

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Peter Elmon			$2 00
Preston G. Edson			2 00
Seth B. Edson	$20		2 25
William H. Eustis		$1,600	22 00
William Edson	250	900	16 37
William A. Eldridge			2 00
A. Judson Fish			2 00
Clarence B. Fuller			2 00
Charles E. Field	500		8 25
Daniel C. French			2 00
Edward F. Field	100	1,300	19 50
Ezra T. Fuller	100	2,040	28 75
Edmund Ford	40	550	9 38
Enoch Freeman			2 00
Francis J. Foley			2 00
Ezra H. Ford, estate of		1,250	15 62
Frank W. French		1,400	19 50
Frank E. Freeman			2 00
Francis R. Flagg		650	10 13
George H. Ferguson			2 00
George L. French			2 00
Isadus Fuller		1,000	14 50
James D. Freeman			2 00
John Fitzgerald			2 00
Jacob Folsom	580	12,150	161 12
Jeremiah Fisher		1,080	15 50
Michael Feeney	40	660	10 75
Michael Feeney, Jr			2 00
Michael Fitzgerald		900	13 25
Moses Fillon			2 00
Nathaniel W. French	200	1,730	26 13
Patrick Foley	40	1,000	15 00
Sears R. Frost, estate of	80	400	6 00
Theodore C. Freeman	100	950	17 12
Thomas J. Fish			2 00
Wyman C. Fickett			2 00
William G. Field, estate of		1,940	24 25
William F. Farrington			2 00
William H. French			2 00
Alfred Griffin	3,520	3,400	88 50
Charles E. Gaffney			2 00
Charles H. Goss	3,560	8,200	151 00
Caleb Goss	130	3,070	42 00
David W. Gurney	200		4 50
David S. Gurney	130	900	14 88
David H. Gurney	50		2 62
David H. Gorman		1,050	13 13
Daniel Groves			2 00
Gammons & Nutter	3,200		40 00
Goss, Jones & Goss	1,600	2,200	47 50
Henry A. Grow	930	900	24 87
Henry Gurney	1,250	8,030	118 00

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Leonard F. Gammons	$30		$2 37
Lester H. Gurney			2 00
Maurice C. Gould			2 00
Otis Grover	100	$1,400	20 75
Perley M. Griffin			2 00
Rebecca Gaffney	250	1,450	21 25
Rurgur Gustov			2 00
Samuel Gurney	330	1,550	25 50
Sarah B. Gould		150	1 88
Simmons Gadbois			2 00
Thomas Griggs			2 00
William Green	290	1,300	21 87
William H. Gaffney			2 00
William J. Gilbert	150		3 88
William A. Green			2 00
Aaron Hobart	44,700	17,400	778 25
Abigail Hersey		1,750	21 87
Abbott T. Hewitt		400	7 00
Arthur Harris		800	12 00
Albert Harden	500	4,100	5) 50
Amos Hunting	2,450	3,220	72 88
Alonzo S. Hathaway			2 00
Adam R. Humble		1,000	14 50
Augustus M. Howe	150	500	12 13
Betsey A. Hale	30	550	7 25
Benjamin W. Harris	13,300		168 25
B. L. Hall			2 00
Charles W. Harris	530	2,400	38 63
Calvin Hatch	130	1,250	19 25
Chandler A. Hodgson			2 00
C. E. Hartwell		800	10 00
Caleb E. Hicks	1,650		22 63
Cornelius E. Hooper	410	3,800	54 62
Calvin H. Harlow		2,000	27 00
Charles W. Hunt	150		3 88
Damon Hoyt		1,100	15 75
David G. Hubbard	410	850	17 75
Daniel B. Hines	160	20	4 25
Elizabeth Holmes		1,050	13 13
Elijah Hinkley			2 00
Ephraim Hardy	240	950	16 87
Ellis Holmes, estate of		300	3 75
Edwin Hayward			2 00
Frank J. Houston			2 00
Francis Hayward	560	1,870	32 38
George F. Hayward	30		2 37
George B. Howland	80	250	6 13
George W. Holmes	100	70	4 12
George Hudson			2 00
George W. Harden	510	3,250	49 00
Harlow Harden		800	12 00
Henry Hobart	6,070	11,600	222 87

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Henry M. Holmes	$200		$4 50
Henry G. Hill	550	$4,080	59 88
H. H. Harlow	50	1,050	15 75
Herbert T. Harden			2 00
Hosea Hathaway	60	3,000	40 25
Isaac Hatch, estate of		1,250	15 63
Isaac T. Hatch	200	310	8 37
Mrs. Israel Hobart	50	1,850	23 75
John B. Harden	130	800	13 63
Jason W. Harden			2 00
Joseph T. Hathaway	150	1,450	22 00
John O. Howland		450	5 62
Jehial B. Harden	40		2 50
John W. Harden	150		3 88
Joshua Hollis		300	5 75
John H. Hathaway	150	1,650	24 50
John Hobart	6,370	4,900	142 87
Josiah E. Hayward		400	7 00
Jotham Hicks	80	3,300	44 25
John W. Herrick			2 00
Jere M. Hines			2 00
James R. Hudson			2 00
Luther Harden	240	950	16 88
Leonard H. Hayward	130	280	7 12
Leander Harger			2 00
Lydia A. Hale		100	1 25
Mark P. Hudson	490	2,000	33 13
M. Newton Humble		1,050	15 12
Myron E. Hayward			2 00
Michael Hennesey	40		2 50
Martin A. Hayward	30		2 37
Melvin Harden, estate of	60	1,450	18 88
Noah T. Harding	30	950	14 25
Oliver Holmes	40	1,250	18 12
Peter Hagan, Jr.	150		3 88
Reuben Harden	50	1,200	17 62
Robert O. Harris	150		3 88
Richard S. Higgins			2 00
Samuel J. Hoyt, estate of	40	1,100	14 25
Samuel Hall	150	2,200	31 37
Stephen Harlow	410	2,500	38 38
Theodore Hobart	240	1,850	28 12
Thomas Hewitt	660	4,450	65 88
Thomas A. Herrick	80	2,700	36 75
Thomas P. Hines			2 00
Timothy S. Harlow		1,200	17 00
William W. Hersey	350	450	12 00
William R. Hathaway, estate of	50	1,800	22 88
William T. Harris			2 00
William J. Hill			2 00
Walter B. Hathaway			2 00
William B. Hall			2 00

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Waldo Hayward	$100	$1,060	$16 50
William A. Hayward	40	1,450	20 62
William H. Howe			2 00
Willard T. Holmes			2 00
Charles S. Inglee		1,350	18 88
Abner C. Jackson	190	1,735	26 06
A. L. Joyce			2 00
Charles P. Jordan, estate of		1,700	21 25
Charles L. Jones			2 00
Charles E. Jordan		1,000	14 50
George L. Jones	500		8 25
G. W. N. Joyce	200	740	13 75
Henry E. Johnson			2 00
John Jones	40	1,800	25 00
James M. Jefferson	30		2 38
John S. Jenness	160	530	12 62
John F. Jordan	170		4 13
John Johnson			2 00
Merritt Jenkins, estate of		7,730	96 62
Martin E. Jenness		500	6 25
Mary Johnson, executrix of W. Johnson estate,	5,000		62 50
William H. Jefferson	260	550	12 13
William N. Jenkins			2 00
William M. Judkins			2 00
Walter V. Judkins	260		4 50
William A. Josselyn		1,650	22 62
Willard Johnson, estate of		1,900	23 75
Zenas A. Jenkins			2 00
Bathsheba S. Keith	500		6 25
Bathshua Keith, estate of	1,000	5,900	86 25
Benjamin W. Keith	980	1,900	38 00
Benjamin N. Keen			2 00
Edward S. Keith		250	5 13
Ezra Kingman	200	4,400	59 50
Edward Kingman	50	1,070	16 00
Eugene F. Keith			2 00
Freedom Keith	160	2,460	34 75
Franklin Keith		1,400	19 50
Frank O. Keith			2 00
Francis M. Kingman		1,600	22 00
George M. Keith	320	2,650	39 12
Herbert C. Keith	40	80	3 50
Henry M. Keith	400	3,850	55 13
Hannah Kingman		150	1 87
Henry Kingston			2 00
Isaac Keith	40	1,200	17 50
Isaac N. Keith	6,950	5,300	155 13
John W. Kennan	3,750	4,000	98 87
James G. Knapp	200	1,800	27 00
Joseph Kingston			2 00
James Kaven		1,400	19 50

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Judah B. Keen		$600	$9 50
Lysander Keith	$180	2,550	36 13
Marcus M. Keith	80	1,850	26 12
Newton M. Keen	200	3,550	48 88
Nahum P. Keith		500	6 25
Nathan Kingman			2 00
Nahum Keith			2 00
Olpha Keen	260		5 25
Robert C. Keith	210	2,240	32 62
Robert C. Keith & Brother	2,500	360	35 75
Simeon C. Keith	670	1,730	32 00
Sidney S. Kingman			4 00
Stafford I. Keith			2 00
Scott Keith		1,600	22 00
Samuel Keith	6,300	2,650	115 87
Simeon W. Keene	100	1,800	25 75
Samuel E. Keith		600	9 50
Samuel Keene	1,250	5,310	84 00
Thomas Keith	80		3 00
William W. Keen		550	6 87
Walter G. Kingman			2 00
William Keen	340	3,250	46 88
William F. Keen	950	1,950	38 25
Zebina Keith	6,250	2,350	109 50
Zenas Keith, estate of		2,450	30 62
A. Harris Latham	200	1,900	28 25
Alonzo W. Leach	50	850	13 25
Albert H. Long			2 00
Baalis S. Littlefield	50		63
Bradford Little		500	8 25
Charles A. Latham	1,210	5,630	87 50
Charles W. Lincoln			2 00
Charles Lincoln	230	1,400	22 37
Eliab Latham	470	4,190	60 25
E. Austin Latham		1,600	22 00
Eugene A. Lincoln		700	10 75
Elbridge G. Lyon	80	2,150	29 88
Edgar H. Luzarder		350	4 37
Francis D. Littlefield	150	1,550	23 25
Fred. A. Leach			2 00
Fred. W. Lincoln		700	10 75
Fred. G. Lovell	130		3 63
George F. Lombard			2 00
Galen Latham	510	4,660	66 62
Harvey Lucas	1,000		14 50
Hermon Leonard	210	1,550	24 00
Isaac H. Lincoln	50	300	6 38
I. Alvan Lyon			2 00
Isaac K. Lyon	150	1,080	17 37
James W. Latham			2 00
Joseph M. Loucraft	9,710	9,800	245 87
John Lane	21,940	19,150	515 62

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Jerry Laperle			$2 00
Melzar J. Litchfield		$1,000	14 50
Patrick Luddy			2 00
Rufus A. Littlefield	$90	3,410	47 75
Ruel A. Lincoln			2 00
Sarah Lilly		2,500	31 25
Samuel Luzarder	40	2,400	32 50
Samuel A. Luzarder		1,600	22 00
Susan Latham	2,000	250	28 12
William Lincoln			2 00
Waldo P. Lothrop		650	10 12
Walter S. Leach			2 00
Walter H. Lyon			2 00
Asa Millet	430	4,400	62 37
Betsey P. Munroe		1,250	15 62
Cyrus Munroe	360	2,590	38 87
Mrs. Cushing Mitchell	5,000	3,250	103 12
Deborah T. Morse		1,300	16 25
Ellen Murray		550	6 87
Ebenezer Moody		1,150	14 37
Fred. C. Mann		2,300	30 75
Frank Moore			2 00
George A. Moulton	240		5 00
George W. Merrill	280	1,050	18 62
George T. Mitchell	1,350	1,400	36 37
George Mitchell, estate of		2,250	28 12
George W. Mellen		400	7 00
Granville C. Munroe	100		3 25
Harriet F. McCarter		500	6 25
Henry C. Macaullay			2 00
Hermon L. Morse		950	13 87
Hector MacKenzie			2 00
James Munroe	110	650	11 50
J. B. Meservey	40	1,900	26 25
James F. McCarter			2 00
James Mahoney			2 00
Jeremiah Mahoney	190	750	13 75
Joseph H. Mills	310	1,900	29 62
Mrs. James Mahoney	40	1,400	18 00
James McCarty			2 00
John D. Mason, estate of		1,300	16 25
Joseph Morse	1,310	2,150	45 25
Joseph Mishow			2 00
John McCarty			2 00
James McGrath			2 00
John Murray			2 00
James Morey	40	1,000	15 00
Mehitable Milliken		500	6 25
Michael Mahoney			2 00
Martin P. McLauthlin	40		2 50
Owen MacGuire	40	700	11 25
Philip McBeth			2 00

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Robert J. Mitchell		$230	$4 87
Samuel R. McKenzie		400	5 00
Timothy Mitchell		1,000	14 50
Thomas Mahoney			2 00
Thomas McCann			2 00
William Murphy		1,100	15 75
William L. Morey	$190	600	11 87
William J. Mitchell		1,100	13 75
Walter O. Munroe			2 00
Andrew Neville			2 00
Charles W. Nickerson			2 00
Daniel W. Noyes	100		3 25
Daniel L. Nash			2 00
Edmund W. Nutter	200		4 50
Fred C. Nutter	100	450	8 87
Frank W. Newhall	180	1,100	18 00
Francis A. Nash	390	3,050	45 00
George S. Newhall			2 00
Horace W. Newhall		350	4 37
Hannah Nash		150	1 87
Isaac N. Nutter	5,610	6,030	147 50
I. N. & F. C. Nutter		3,500	43 75
Josiah E. Noyes	110	2,400	33 37
James Nelson			2 00
John Noonan	60	950	14 63
John C. Newton			2 00
Levi M. Noyes	300		5 75
Levi W. Noyes	70	1,700	24 12
Margaret O. Nutter		2,600	32 50
Mary D. Nash		100	1 25
Murdock Nicholson			2 00
Patrick Norris			2 00
Samuel R. Newhall		800	12 00
Charles E. Osborne			2 00
Cornelius O'Brien			2 00
Galen Osborne	180	1,070	17 63
Henry A. Osborne		200	4 50
Hector O. A. Orr	1,000		14 50
Joseph R. Osborne			2 00
James O'Hearn			2 00
Robert Orr	25,600	10,200	449 50
Samuel A. Orr, estate of	4,300	9,300	170 00
Stephen O'Neil		400	7 00
Susan Orr		1,550	19 37
Thomas O'Brien	40	800	12 50
Thomas O'Brien, Jr.			2 00
William H. Osborne	880	2,200	40 50
Addison Pratt		1,720	23 50
Allen P. Pratt	30		2 38
Asa E. Paul			2 00
Alfred B. Parker			2 00
Allen M. Porter, estate of	200	1,800	25 00

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Benjamin Pincin, estate of		$1,300	$16 25
Cephas A. Porter	$110	1,100	17 12
Charles O. Parris			2 00
Charles W. Pratt	350		6 38
Charles I. Paine	50	1.100	16 37
David Pratt	110	2,450	34 00
David H. Pratt	100	1,250	18 88
Elias A. Ransden	40	950	14 37
Francis W. Porter	550	350	13 25
George H. Pratt, Jr.	40		2 50
George H. Pratt	140	2,450	34 38
George T. Parker			2 00
Herbert T. Packard			2 00
Howard Paine		1,300	18 25
Joseph W. Perry			2 00
James M. Perrigo, estate of		200	2 50
John B. Porter			2 00
Josiah J. Pratt	180		4 25
J. Henry Potter	500	850	18 87
John T. Pratt, estate of		500	6 25
James Pendergrast			2 00
James W. Porter			2 00
Levi B. Parker	110	2,500	36 63
Lemuel Pratt			2 00
Luther W. Phillips, estate of		700	8 75
Martin Parris	90	910	14 50
Nathaniel Perkins	60	350	7 12
Nathaniel Porter, estate of		860	10 75
Nahum Poole	1,300	2,650	51 38
Nathan M. Poole	100	1,300	19 50
Oliver Pratt	140	1,900	27 50
Prescott H. Pratt			2 00
Peregrine W. Poole		1,200	17 00
Samuel Pool			2 00
Samuel R. Pool	400	1,300	23 25
Timothy O. Paine		1,200	17 00
Wadsworth Phillips	140	2,400	33 75
William F. Pratt	30	2,700	34 12
William H. Paige		1,600	22 00
William Parker	10	600	9 63
Walter S. Pratt			2 00
John W. Quinby			2 00
Patrick Quigley		1,700	23 25
John Quinlan			2 00
Aaron Ramsdell		550	10 87
Albion L. Ramsdell			2 00
Benjamin R. Robinson, estate of		2,280	28 50
Benjamin H. Reynolds			2 00
David Roach	570	1,720	30 63
Daniel N. Reed	170	1,140	18 37
Dexter Reed, estate of		450	5 63
Everett N. Richardson	250		5 12

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Fred H. Redding		$600	$9 50
George W. Reed			2 00
Henry B. Rogers			2 00
Harry N. Redfern			2 00
Jacob A. Rogers, estate of		2,650	33 13
John P. Reed		1,050	15 12
Joseph Ramsdell	$200	1,300	20 75
James Riordon	40	1,220	17 75
John Reed	100	1,130	17 38
John B. Reed			2 00
Mrs. James Rollins		500	6 25
Lucius Remick			2 00
Lewis P. Raymond		970	14 12
Lydia C. Reed	350	700	13 13
Luther W. Richards	1,160		16 50
Martin Rounds		950	13 87
Michael Riordon			2 00
Mary A. Rust		5,100	63 75
Nahum A. Ramsdell			2 00
Nathaniel Ramsdell, estate of		300	3 75
N. A. W. Ransden		600	7 50
Norris Richards			2 00
Nathaniel K. Richardson	180	1,150	18 63
Oscar C. Rumsey			2 00
Paul Raash			2 00
Prescott E. Ramsdell			2 00
Reuben Rice, Jr.	130		3 62
Reuben Richards	230		4 88
Samuel D. Raymond	200	550	11 37
Simeon Richmond		1,500	18 75
Simeon W. Richmond	250	640	13 13
Samuel D. Reed			2 00
Thomas Rogers	500	2,750	42 62
Thomas S. H. Rounsville			2 00
Wales Rogers	100	2,950	40 13
Welcome O. Reed		750	11 37
William B. Ripley	150	1,650	24 50
William H. Robinson		1,000	14 50
William Reed		600	9 50
Wallace C. Ransden		400	5 00
William Ramsdell		550	8 88
William G. Ramsdell			2 00
Abbott Sanford			2 00
Alonzo Sharp			2 00
Andrew P. Sturtevant	50	1,300	18 87
Augustus F. Strong			2 00
Benjamin Siddall			2 00
Baalis Sanford, estate of	800	1,700	31 25
Byron Spiller			2 00
Mrs. Benjamin F. Studley		400	5 00
Clark Swallow	50	2,550	34 50
Charles L. Seaver			2 00

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Charles W. Siddall	$710	$4,400	$65 88
Charles E. Spinney			2 00
C. C. Small			2 00
Charles Sullivan			2 00
David Standish		550	8 87
Daniel Sullivan			2 00
Edgar A. Standish			2 00
Everett C. Swallow			2 00
Ezra F. Sampson	40	600	10 00
Ephraim L. Sampson			2 00
Eustis W. Sturtevant		350	6 38
Frederic S. Strong	280	5,100	69 25
Frank Smith	800	2,100	38 25
Frances M. Selee	700		8 75
George W. Sprague		1,000	14 50
George E. Skillings		2,000	27 00
George Sites	10	1,150	16 50
George W. Sandridge			2 00
George Sites, Jr.			2 00
George D. Stedman	240	1,910	28 87
Henry J. Starbuck	30	1,200	17 38
Herbert K. Stevens			2 00
Herbert A. Swift	10		2 12
Henry C. Sherman			2 00
Ira H. Sumner	50		2 63
James N. Sweeting		1,050	15 12
John A. Sampson			2 00
Joshua Sturtevant	110	900	14 63
Joseph Shaw		460	7 75
Joseph H. Strong			2 00
John A. Shaw		800	10 00
Jasper N. Staples	140	850	14 37
Jabez H. Sturtevant			2 00
James Siddall, estate of		450	5 63
John S. Soper		900	13 25
James W. Soule		1,200	17 00
John H. Scribner		600	11 50
Joshua Sturtevant, Jr.			2 00
John Shepard			2 00
Kimball E. Sheldon	5,060	15,070	253 62
Lester B. Shaw			2 00
Leonard Selee	125		3 56
Lyman C. Shaw			2 00
Maurice Sheahan			2 00
Manuel Souza		400	7 00
Martin Sumner		600	9 50
Minot C. Shaw	370	1,850	29 75
Nicholas Saunders	3,200	7,100	130 75
Oliver M. Sharp	30	850	13 00
Richard B. Sturtevant			2 00
Mrs. Richard M. Smith		3,650	45 63
Peleg W. Sampson	200		4 50

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Samuel C. Smith	$50	$550	$9 50
Sterner Stone			2 00
Samuel D. Shaw	2,400	3,300	73 25
Stephen Saunders			2 00
Samuel Shaw	800	3,000	49 50
Mrs. Samuel Shaw		1,650	20 62
Samuel Shaw & Co	7,500		93 75
Samuel L. Seaver	50	700	11 38
Thomas O. Sime			2 00
William S. Sampson	40	790	12 37
Walter Severance		850	12 63
William J. Shaw	180	600	11 75
William N. Shaw	350	1,900	32 12
Walter C. Shaw			2 00
William Smith, estate of		1,300	16 25
William O. Sheldon			2 00
William E. Shaw			2 00
Zenas W. Sturtevant	30	700	11 13
Amanda W. Thompson		500	6 25
Asaph P. Thompson		950	13 87
Bartholemew Trow		1,850	25 13
Charles Thrasher	100	1,310	19 62
Cyrus Thrasher		100	3 25
Daniel W. Thrasher			2 00
David Tower			2 00
Frederic E. Trow		550	8 88
Frank A. Trescott			2 00
George A. Trow, estate of		850	10 62
George E. Tates			2 00
George L. Turner			2 00
Henry B. Trow			2 00
John B. Thayer			2 00
Jeremiah D. Thurlow	120	840	14 00
James Timmons		1,200	17 00
John C. Tates		360	6 50
Joseph L. Tyler		1,500	20 75
Lysander M. Thompson			2 00
Loring S. Turner			2 00
Loring G. Tilden			2 00
Lewis F. Trow			2 00
Marcus Temple			2 00
Mary A. Tyson		1,550	19 37
Samuel W. Tillson	120	1,400	21 00
Seth Thompson		250	3 13
William H. Taylor			2 00
William G. Turner	50	1,800	25 12
Joseph Underwood, estate of	30	450	6 00
Cornelius L. Vosmus			2 00
George C. Van Amringe			2 00
John H. Vosmus, estate of		1,450	18 13
Mrs. Josiah O. Vinton	2,000	1,150	39 37
Joseph Vinton		1,950	24 38

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Josiah O. Vinton			$2 00
Leopold J. Voigt	$40	$3,430	45 37
Martha Vaughn		420	5 25
William Vinton			2 00
Henry B. Vaughn			2 00
Alden Washburn, estate of		470	5 88
Allen Washburn	470	2,540	39 63
Asa Whitman	150	850	14 50
Alice Whitman		1,400	17 50
Asa T. Whitman, estate of		1,870	23 37
Albert B. Watson			2 00
Albion K. Washburn	500		8 25
Arad Wilbar		200	4 50
Albert C. White			2 00
Alphonso B. Wright			2 00
Benjamin White	380	1,400	24 25
Benjamin M. White, estate of		2,600	32 50
Benjamin Ward	620	4,500	68 00
Barney Winn			2 00
Benjamin H. Washburn	260	2,230	33 12
Calvin Wade		1,500	18 75
Calvin S. Whitman	40	640	10 50
Charles G. Wood			2 00
Clarence White			2 00
Charles W. Wixon	1,000		14 50
Cushing White, estate of		950	11 88
Clark B. Wentworth			2 00
Daniel W. Winslow			2 00
David B. West		1,800	22 50
Daniel Whitman, estate of		850	10 62
Elbridge F. Washburn			2 00
Eldridge W. Winsor	80	450	8 63
Eliab Whitman	180		4 25
Edward E. Wright			2 00
Ezekiel Whitman	200	2,650	37 62
Ebenezer Whitmarsh	440	3,380	49 75
Eleazer Whitman	690	2,620	43 38
Edward Welch	170		4 12
Edgar E. Worcester			2 00
Ezra S. Whitmarsh		3,660	47 75
Ezra S. Whitmarsh, Jr.	1,000		14 50
Edmund L. Weston	270		5 38
Frederic P. Whitmarsh	300	150	7 62
Fred. W. White	70		2 88
Frank E. Wentworth			2 00
Frank O. Wellington			2 00
Frank Winn			2 00
Frank H. Weston			2 00
Frank White			2 00
Galen Willis	10,550	8,490	240 00
Galen Willis, 2d			2 00
George A. Washburn		4 50	7 62

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George A. Wright		$1,400	$21 50
George A. Wheeler	$250	400	10 13
George S. Wentworth			2 00
Gideon Wilbar		1,550	21 37
George G. Wilbar			2 00
Greenough Wood, estate of		2,300	28 75
Horace Worcester	70	1,700	24 13
Herbert L. Waterman			2 00
Harrison W. White	1,180	4,760	76 25
Harriet Washburn		100	1 25
Isaac Washburn, estate of	2,000	2,000	50 00
John A. Whiting	40	1,350	19 37
John M. Whiting	320	2,080	32 00
John H. Waterman		1,500	22 75
John W. Wright		1,550	21 38
John Welch	170		4 12
John E. Waterman	1,760	2,650	57 13
James Wilder, estate of		250	3 12
James Wilmot		650	10 13
James M. Weston			2 00
John Willis			2 00
Luther Wade		200	4 50
Luke Worcester	220	2,000	29 75
Levi C. Wright	80	800	13 00
Melvin L. Webber	2,500	4,040	83 75
Mercena A. Whitman	190	1,950	28 75
Matthew Wilder	40		2 50
H. G. M. William			2 00
Michael Winn		550	8 87
Melzar J. Waterman			2 00
Magnus Williamson	150		3 88
Nicholas Wade	40	1,620	22 75
Noah A. Washburn	220	1,070	18 12
Orace Washburn	300	900	17 00
Obadiah West			2 00
Patrick Welsh	50	1,100	16 38
Perez Williams			2 00
Robert Washburn			2 00
Richmond N. Waterman			2 00
Samuel C. White			2 00
Simeon G. Whitmarsh	220	1,710	26 12
Semantha Whitman		4,000	50 00
Selden M. Washburn		850	12 63
Samuel F. White	2,110	2,450	59 00
Selden Washburn, estate of		370	4 62
Simeon Wood, estate of		1,930	24 13
Thatcher P. Wright		950	13 87
Vernon H Whitman		120	3 50
Walter W. Washburn			2 00
William L. White			2 00
William E. Whitman	830		12 38
William V. West	110	2,400	33 37

NAMES.	Personal.	Real.	Total Tax.
Mrs. William V. West		$450	$5 63
William S. Washburn		170	4 12
Robert Young	$40		2 50
Welcome Young, estate of		2,790	34 88
Treasurer First Cong'l Society		1,550	19 37
Treasurer N. J. Society		1,350	16 88
Trustees M. E. Society		1,700	21 25
Carver Cotton Gin Co.	22,500	24,900	592 50
Rogers & Sheldon	25,900	13,450	491 87
Mount Hope Iron Co.	400	2,500	36 25
Five Cents Savings Bank, Plymouh.		800	10 00
Brayton Petroleum Engine Co.	20,000	5,600	320 00

NON-RESIDENTS.

Abiel Abbott, Boston	$400	$800	$15 00
Amos Alden, South Abington		150	1 88
Clarissa Alden, est. of, So. Abington,		550	6 87
George Adams, Boston		1,150	14 38
Henry Alden, heirs of, So. Abington,		450	5 62
Jeremiah K. Aldrich, Wellfleet		1,650	20 63
Julia C. Alden, Randolph		40	50
Lucius Alden, Brockton		3,200	40 00
Orlando M. Alger, Brockton		300	3 75
William E. Alden, Boston		1,300	16 25
William H. Alden, Boston		900	11 25
—— Allendorf, Brockton		200	2 50
Abbie F. Bates, South Abington		200	2 50
Alden D. Brown, Chelsea		230	2 87
Bradley S. Bryant, North Hanson		100	1 25
C. E. Barton, East Cambridge		1,350	16 88
Charles H. Bonney, So. Abington		1,200	15 00
Francis E. Benton, Brockton	400		5 00
Frank Bourne, North Hanson		150	1 87
Gladden Bonney, est. of, So. Abington,		70	88
John H. Brown, Boston		1,800	22 50
Joseph H. B. Butler, Halifax		50	62
William Baylies, Fall River		370	4 63
Eunice S. Bryant, Brockton		200	2 50
Benjamin F. Churchill, So. Abington,		920	11 50
E. T. Corey, North Hanson		500	6 25
Ensign Crocker, North Hanson		100	1 25
George W. Cook, North Abington		30	37
John Curtis, Brockton		120	1 50
Otis F. Curtis, Brockton		300	3 75
William P. Corthell, South Abington,		910	11 38
E. Porter Dyer, South Abington		100	1 25
George W. Dean, Taunton		50	62

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George G. Dyer, Plymouth		$100	$1 25
George L. Drake, Lynn		450	5 63
Dunbar, Hobart & Whidden, South Abington		1,000	12 50
James Eaton		1,100	13 75
John Enwright, Bridgewater		40	50
Jennette Emmons, Dayton, O.		350	4 37
Luther Elliott, Reading	$70	1,200	15 88
Melvin C. Edson, West Bridgewater,		50	63
Abby Farrar, Brockton		250	3 12
Jason M. French, estate of, West Bridgewater		50	62
Mehitable H. Fletcher, Brockton		150	1 88
Stephen Fernald, Peabody		150	1 87
Charles Griggs, South Abington		50	63
Henry W. Gammons, Plymouth		1,000	12 50
Jacob H. Gurney, South Abington		140	1 75
John Gaffney, South Abington		60	75
Louisa R. Guild, Boston		950	11 87
Alpheus C. Harden, estate of, Hanson.		300	3 75
Andrew B. Holmes, Brockton		150	1 88
Daniel Hayward, Brockton		250	3 12
Deborah Howland, Abington		250	3 13
Ellis W. Holmes, Brockton		350	4 37
Joseph Ham, Boston	4,000		50 00
Joseph W. Harden, Lynn	40	450	6 13
James S. Harden, South Abington		200	2 50
John J. Hayward, est. of, Bridgewater,		100	1 25
John L. Hayward, West Bridgewater.		120	1 50
John A. Hearn, Bridgewater		150	1 87
Horatio Howard, West Bridgewater		1,000	12 50
Mitchell Hooper, Bridgewater		200	2 50
Martin Howland, Halifax		150	1 88
Marshall Humble, South Abington		100	1 25
Peter Hagan, Bridgewater		150	1 87
Reuben Healey, estate of, S. Abington		150	1 88
S. Holbrook & A. Hunting		320	4 00
William B. Hathaway, Randolph		150	1 87
William Howard, Halifax		20	25
Zina Hayward, Jr., Brockton		80	1 00
Howard, Clark & Co., Brockton		100	1 25
John Hobill, South Abington		50	63
Andrew Jackson, Brockton		900	11 25
Amos Jones, Pembroke		70	87
Benjamin F. Jackson, Brockton		70	88
Fred P. Jenkins, trustee, Newton		270	3 37
George W. Johnson, estate of, West Bridgewater		800	10 00
Calvin Kingman, estate of, Taunton		1,250	15 63
Elbridge Keith, est. of, Bridgewater,		280	3 50
Eliphalet Kingman, Brockton		250	3 12
Hezekiah H. Keith, Bridgewater		1,115	13 94

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Isaac Kingman, Brockton		$450	$5 63
—— Kendrick, South Abington		100	1 25
Lucy R. Keith, West Bridgewater		1,400	17 50
William H. Keen, Hanson		200	2 50
Allen Leach, Brockton		1,100	13 75
Daniel Lynch, West Bridgewater		100	1 25
Edwin H. Lothrop, W. Bridgewater	$650	1,150	22 50
Spencer Leonard, Bridgewater		475	5 94
Williams Latham, Bridgewater		200	2 50
W. Latham and C. Hobart, trustees, Bridgewater		100	1 25
Bridget McElroy, New York		1,600	20 00
Caleb Mitchell, estate of, Bridgewater,		800	10 00
Daniel Murphy, Bridgewater		80	1 00
Ethan Munroe, South Abington		450	5 62
M. P. & G T. McLauthin		1,600	20 00
Robert McNeeland, Bridgewater		25	31
William L. Mitchell		1,050	13 13
E. M. Noyes, estate of, So. Abington,		500	6 25
Cornelius O'Leary, Bridgewater		80	1 00
Benjamin F. H. Parris, Abington		120	1 50
Eva Porter, South Abington		150	1 87
Franklin Peterson, South Abington		150	1 88
Frank Phelan & H. Sisson, Stoughton,		415	5 19
Horace M. Peck, South Abington		50	62
H. H. Packard, Brockton		200	2 50
Jonathan Parris, Halifax		30	38
Harriet S. Packard, Middleboro'		1,240	15 50
Mathew Parris, Halifax		120	1 50
Nahum Perkins, Brockton		200	2 50
William A. Peasley, Abington		180	2 25
Ethan Randall, Halifax		350	4 37
Galen K. Richards, W. Bridgewater		290	3 63
John C. Rhodes, Mattapoisett		300	3 75
John Richards, West Bridgewater		510	6 37
Justin W. Richards, W. Bridgewater,		600	7 50
Marcus Reed, South Abington		150	1 88
Mrs. Oakes Reed, South Abington		850	10 62
Quincy Reed, South Abington		280	3 50
Reed & French, South Abington		150	1 88
S. & G. D. Ryder, W. Bridgewater		300	3 75
Samuel Reed, South Abington		1,700	21 25
Thomas B. Reed, Boston		850	10 62
Reed Brothers, Brockton	2,500	5,000	93 75
Charles Smith, South Abington		200	2 50
David R. Simmons, W. Bridgewater		200	2 50
John M. Soule, Middleboro'		800	10 00
Nahum Stetson, Bridgewater		1,000	12 50
Charles C. Thayer, W. Bridgewater		1,300	16 25
C. C. & E. Thayer, W. Bridgewater		200	2 50
Erland Thayer, W. Bridgewater		750	9 38
David Tinkham, W. Bridgewater		50	62

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Frederic Tolcken, Hanson	$240	$350	$7 38
Ira Thomas, estate of, Hanson		300	3 75
Mary Thayer, Brockton		480	6 00
Sarah B. Thomas, Claremont, N. H.		750	9 37
George B. Vaughn, Watertown		250	3 13
Spencer Vining, South Abington		40	50
Cephas Washburn, Halifax		350	4 37
Cyrus C. Woodward		1,650	20 63
Clement Willis, Boston		400	5 00
Frank Washburn, W. Bridgewater		150	1 87
Freedom Whitman, California		450	5 63
George A. West, Abington		1,250	15 62
John Worton		850	10 63
Joseph White, Hanson		200	2 50
Nathan Willis, Bridgewater		360	4 50
Nathan D. Whitman, Boston		450	5 62
Philip Wing, Bridgewater		50	63
Simeon Wood, Bridgewater		120	1 50
Thomas White, South Abington		200	2 50
—— Weatherbee, Scituate		600	7 50

The total includes poll taxes.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR

1882-3.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At the last annual town meeting Mr. E. W. Nutter was re-elected a member of the School Committee for a term of three years.

The board was organized by the choice of F. S. Strong as chairman, E. W. Nutter as treasurer, and R. O. Harris as secretary.

The schools were assigned for supervision as follows: —

To Mr. Strong, the Central Gammar, and the schools at Elmwood and Satucket; to Mr. Nutter, the North, East, and West Primaries, and the schools at Eastville and Northville, and the Centre Intermediate; to Mr. Harris, the High School, the West Intermediate, and the schools at Beaver and Curtisville.

The committee respectfully submit the following report of the condition and needs of the public schools: —

The attendance in our schools is good, and the position of truant officer has not caused the holder any more labor than the mere supporting the honor.

Below is a list of teachers employed during the year, and their respective schools: —

High School . . .	Wyman C. Fickett, *Principal.* Miss Jenny E. Chandler, *Assistant.*
Central Grammar .	E. W. Nutter. Miss Ellen M. Buttomer.
Intermediate . . .	Miss Ann W. Harden.
North Primary . .	Miss Lottie R. Edson.
East Primary . .	Miss Mattie E. Meservey.

West Primary . .	Miss Agnes A. Voigt.
Elmwood Grammar	Miss Carrie B. Dennis.
Elmwood Primary .	Miss Fannie M. Gurney. Mrs. Agnes Watson.
Satucket	Miss Mary J. Whitmarsh.
Curtisville . . .	Miss Ellen M. Buttomer. Miss Bertha I. Mason.
Eastville	Miss Agnes K. Littlefield.
Northville . . .	Miss Lydia J. Chamberlain.
Beaver Grammar .	Miss Hattie F. Whitmarsh. Miss Hattie E. Sampson.
Beaver Primary . .	Miss Hattie E. Sampson. Miss Lura J. Burrell.
West Intermediate .	Miss Hattie F. Whitmarsh.

HIGH SCHOOL.

At the close of the last year a class of eight completed the prescribed course of study, and were awarded diplomas by the committee. The names of the graduating class are as follows: —

Arthur G. Knapp,	Mary L. Keith,
Frank H. Wood,	Lilla F. Shipman,
Charles D. Waterman,	Lucie L. Siddall,
Eva F. Brett,	Lottie L. Young.

Thirty-three candidates for admission to the High School presented themselves at the annual examination in July. Of these seven were admitted. The number of pupils now attending is divided among four classes, as follows: —

Senior	12
Sub-senior	7
Middle	16
Junior	5
Total	40

A new intermediate school has been established in the new building, and it is in good condition and in good hands.

PRIMARIES.

These schools are for the most part in good condition. The committee believe, however, that the primary schools should receive more careful attention than any other schools. A good primary teacher is harder to procure than a good teacher for any other grade, and, when one is found, her pay should be more nearly in proportion to the responsibility than at present.

CONDITION OF SCHOOLS.

We have labored to maintain the standard of scholarship, and think we have done so, but there still remains much to be done before the lower schools are brought squarely up to the standard we desire to reach. During the past summer two pupils from this town, who passed our examination for admission to the High School in July last, left town and applied for admission to the High Schools in New Bedford and Plymouth, to which towns they had respectively moved. They were both successful, passing without difficulty. This would seem to indicate that this town is neither dead nor soundly sleeping in the matter of school instruction; but, on the contrary, is at least fairly well up to the average standard of the towns in the county. The committee's desire is not only to be up to the average, but a little ahead if possible.

TESTS.

The system of tests is still kept up, and has been extended a little. The committee now give the classes in the High School a final test in each study before allowing them to

leave it for another. The results of the tests so far given in this school are satisfactory, and show that good work is being done in it. We believe that it would be a very good plan to appoint a superintendent of schools, who shall have the supervision of all the schools in town. By this system it will be possible to obtain a much greater uniformity and detect the weak spot in each school much more easily and quickly, and this cannot fail to result in raising the standard of scholarship without crowding or distressing the pupils.

CONDITION OF PROPERTY.

The houses are generally in good repair, but some repairs should be made during the coming summer. New floors should be put down at Elmwood and Beaver, and the latter house should be painted and receive some small repairs. The blackboards in several of the houses are poor, and should be repaired this year. For these, and some other minor repairs, at least $300 will be necessary.

Attention has before been called to the condition of the East Primary building, which is small, ill-ventilated, and otherwise unfitted for its purpose. To enlarge it and remodel the interior, so as to properly accommodate the number of pupils who attend, will require about $500.

The North Primary, while large enough, needs some alterations and repairs, which will require an expenditure of $200.

All the school-rooms in town but five are now heated by coal-stoves, for the purchase of which a considerable sum has been expended the past year.

The committee believe that as fast as the wood-stoves become unfit for use, coal-stoves should be substituted for them.

Our experience during the past year leads us to believe

that the rooms can be made and kept much warmer and more comfortable with coal than with wood-stoves, and probably at less expense.

COURSE OF STUDY.

In thinly populated towns such as this, where a majority of the schools are mixed or ungraded, strict uniformity in plans and methods of instruction cannot be secured.

The need of a course of study applicable to both graded and ungraded schools has long been felt. Such a course, prescribing the studies to be pursued, and general methods to be employed, has been prepared during the past year, and printed copies have been placed in the hands of the teachers.

Sufficient time has not passed since its adoption to give it a fair trial, but we are confident that if the teachers will faithfully follow its provisions, better teaching and more satisfactory results will follow.

The course of study in the High School has been modified so as to give those who do not desire to graduate an opportunity to pursue thoroughly those branches which are most serviceable in the ordinary pursuits of life.

ESTIMATES.

The following sums will, in our opinion, be needed for the support of schools, and for repairs, during the next year:—

School purposes	$5,300 00
Incidentals	300 00
Repairs	300 00
" at West Primary.	200 00
" at East Primary	500 00
Books and materials	50 00
	$6,650 00

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Whole number of children of school age on May 1st, 492.

Name of School.	Number of Pupils.			Per cent of Average Attendance for Year.
	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	
High School	50	40	40	94
Central Grammar	47	53	48	92
Elmwood Grammar	23	25	25	92
Beaver Grammar	29	32	35	91
Centre Intermediate	55	31	32	88
West Intermediate	..	40	38	95
North Primary	44	47	28	87
East Primary	30	31	24	83
West Primary	52	35	37	95
Beaver Primary	38	28	22	90
Elmwood Primary	36	34	32	90
Eastville	35	31	..	86
Curtisville	23	21	..	91
Northville	35	40	36	95
Satucket	12	13	10	92

F. S. STRONG,
E. W. NUTTER,
ROBERT O. HARRIS,
Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Appropriation	$5,000 00
Received from State treasurer	196 37
Received from county treasurer	233 45
Received from town of West Bridgewater	89 46
Amount available	$5,519 28

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHING.

Wyman C. Fickett, High School	$1,034 25
Jenny E. Chandler, High School	404 00
L. W. Richards, High School	25 00
Edmund W. Nutter, Central Grammar	199 20
Ellen M. Buttomer, Central Grammar	178 00
Ann W. Harden, Centre Intermediate	313 80
Harriet F. Whitmarsh, West Intermediate	104 00
Agnes A. Voigt, West Primary	245 00
Mary E. Fuller, East Primary	42 00
Mattie L. Meservey, East Primary	186 00
Lottie R. Edson, North Primary	227 40
Carrie B. Dennis, Elmwood Grammar	246 40
Lora G. Kingman, Elmwood Primary	28 00
Fannie M. Gurney, Elmwood Primary	189 00

Agnes Watson, Elmwood Primary	$12 60
Mary J. Whitmarsh, Satucket	206 00
Ellen M. Buttomer, Curtisville	119 00
Bertha I. Mason, Curtisville	126 00
Agnes K. Littlefield, Eastville	256 00
Bertha I. Mason, Eastville	8 00
Lydia J. Chamberlain, Northville	301 00
Hattie F. Whitmarsh, Beaver Grammar	136 00
Hattie C. Sampson, Beaver Grammar	144 00
Hattie C. Sampson, Beaver Primary	108 00
Lura J. Burrell, Beaver Primary	126 00
Town of South Abington	8 45
Total	$4,973 10

CARE OF HOUSES.

Mrs. Kate Barrett	$47 80
W. C. Fickett	35 00
E. W. Nutter	10 50
Mary E. Fuller	2 75
Mattie L. Meservey	6 00
Agnes A. Voigt	12 34
Lottie R. Edson	7 75
James K. Brett	9 00
Albert B. Edson	9 00
Nellie C. Wade	9 00
Ellen M. Buttomer	6 00
Bertha I. Mason	3 00
Agnes K. Littlefield	3 00
Ira F. Porter	3 00
Arthur C. Churchill	3 00
Alice F. Boden	9 00
Hattie F. Whitmarsh	3 00
Alice Whitman	9 00

J. Manly Whitman	$2 00
Leighton Williams	1 50
Hattie C. Sampson	3 00
Eva A. Bates	3 00
Mrs. Kate Barrett, cleaning	6 87
Mrs. Frank Winn, cleaning	3 00
Ellen Winn, cleaning	3 45
Annie M. Jefferson, cleaning	6 00
Mrs. George Sites, cleaning	6 50
Mrs. J. B. Harden	4 00
Total	$230 46

FUEL.

A. L. Alger, coal	$207 35
John Hobart, coal	59 00
Joshua Dean, coal	11 50
T. F. Wood, charcoal	11 55
J. E. Bisbee, wood	56 50
N. A. Washburn, wood	6 75
George W. Harden, wood	11 25
J. W. Richards, wood	2 50
C. E. Fisher, shavings	25
E. W. Nutter, shavings	1 40
L. J. Burrell, shavings	25
Hiram Peaslee, preparing fuel	4 80
Herbert C. Keith	11 00
Isaac Lincoln	4 00
J. E. Bisbee	4 25
Eliphalet S. Davenport	6 60
Total	$398 95

RECAPITULATION.

Amount available for school purposes . .		$5,519 28
Paid for teaching	$4,973 10	
Paid for care of houses . . .	230 46	
Paid for fuel	398 95	
	$5,602 51	
Excess of expenditures		83 23
		$5,602 51

REPAIRS.

Paid Gammons & Nutter, stoves and hardware,	$253 28
Luther Wade, painting, Eastville . .	33 90
Minot S. Curtis, labor, etc. . . .	55 74
James Brown, grading, Northville . .	40 00
John M. Whiting, labor, etc. . . .	13 45
R. T. Brett, labor, etc.	4 56
M. L. Webber, posts	5 40
Isadas Fuller, labor	8 50
Ezra Fuller, labor	14 48
Michael Winn, labor	8 25
J. Manly Whitman, setting glass, etc. .	5 83
S. Butler, setting glass	50
Reuben Harden, labor, etc. . . .	3 00
S. R. Newhall, labor	20 82
Ezra Kingman, grading, etc. . . .	7 00
John S. Eastman, grading . . .	2 00
C. H. Goss, lumber	14 89
R. O. Harris, paid for door . . .	5 75
	$497 35
Unexpended balance	2 65
Appropriation	$500 00

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Hopkinson & Marden, brooms, etc.	$33 95
Boston School Supply Co., crayons, etc.,	19 00
J. L. Hammett, erasers, etc.	29 55
E. W. Nutter, books, etc.	28 40
Edgar L. Clark, cleaning vaults	7 00
Wyman C. Fickett, books	7 51
Mary S. Keith, ribbon	1 40
L. J. Voigt, filling diplomas	2 00
Edwin Hayward, cleaning well	3 00
Melvin Webber, carting, etc.	4 25
George L. Jones, clocks, etc.	20 65
E. W. Nutter, paid express	3 15
David Roach, moving wood	6 00
Scott Keith, storing furniture	1 25
Old Colony Railroad, freight	9 35
William Parker, surveying	1 50
Jarvis Burrell, printing	29 75
Frank Smith, chemicals	1 20
E. W. Nutter, taking school census	12 00
I. N. Nutter, stationery, etc.	17 90
Alger & Co.'s Express	2 15
Cutter & Parker, sash	75
William Reardon, posting notices	75
Hiram Peaslee, labor	19 51
Gammons & Nutter, brooms, pails, etc.	35 16
	$297 13
Unexpended balance	2 87
	$300 00

BOOKS.

Appropriation		$50 00
Paid Thompson & Brown, readers .	$12 50	
Cowperthwait & Co., readers .	32 04	
		44 54
Unexpended balance		$5 46
In addition to the above the School Committee have drawn orders for furniture for West Intermediate School	$107 50	
Insurance on building . .	33 75	
	$141 25	
Total amount of orders drawn . . .		$6,582 78

E. W. NUTTER,

Treasurer of School Committee.

February 12, 1883.

SIXTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1884.

BOSTON:
ALFRED MUDGE & SON, PRINTERS,
No. 24 Franklin Street.
1884.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1883.

Town Clerk.
FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer.
ISAAC N. NUTTER.

Collector.
FRANK SMITH.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

HENRY GURNEY.	JAMES S. ALLEN.	L. W. RICHARDS.

School Committee.

EDMUND W. NUTTER.	PERLEY M. GRIFFIN.	EZRA KINGMAN.

Constables.

FRANKLIN W. FRENCH.	SAMUEL LUZARDER.	LEONARD F. GAMMONS.
EDWARD E. EDSON.	T. S. H. ROUNSVILLE.	BENJAMIN SIDDALL.

Road Commissioners.

SAMUEL KEITH.	MARK P. HUDSON.	JOHN LANE.

Fence Viewers.

A. HARRIS LATHAM.	HENRY GURNEY.

Field Drivers.

BENJAMIN SIDDALL.	FRANCIS HAYWARD.

Measurers of Wood.

JOHN E. WATERMAN.	HARRISON W. WHITE.

Weighers of Coal.

JOHN E. WATERMAN.	SAMUEL E. KEITH.	WILLIAM O. SHELDON.
	GEORGE ALLEN.	

Surveyor of Lumber.
S. L. SEAVER.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.
ROBERT YOUNG.

Sexton.
MELVIN L. WEBBER.

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

Labor on highway, 1882, account of James Brown, and aid to poor in other towns, estimated	$200 00

ASSETS.

Due from Commonwealth for State aid	$701 00
Commonwealth for aid to indigent soldiers	159 00
Collector	8 00
Other towns	209 64
Cash in treasury	1,458 05
	$2,535 69

STATE AID.

PAID FROM FEB. 1, 1883, TO FEB. 1, 1884.

Harriet Eddy	$8 00
Sarah B. Gould	48 00
Sarah C. Hudson	48 00
Betsey A. Hale	48 00
Mary Hudson	48 00
Harriet F. McCarter	16 00

Mary S. Ripley	$48 00
Thankfull O. Trow	48 00
Eldridge Winsor	12 00
Charles L. Jones	12 00
Edmund W. Nutter	12 00
Lydia A. Hale	48 00
Perez Williams	24 00
Barzilla F. Ellis	12 00
Harriet Vosmus	8 00
William L. Morey	6 00
Jane R. Bancroft	48 00
Bradford Little	48 00
Charlotte E. Hansell	28 00
Caroline Williams	24 00
Harriet B. Bates	16 00
Hannah R. Stanley	4 00
	$614 00

AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Joseph M. Whitman	$6 00
Selden M. Washburn	72 00
Charles Wright	96 00
Ferender C. Negus	120 00
	$294 00

SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Paid S. O. Cobb	$30 34
W. H. Osborne, attorney	75 12
	$105 46

No appropriation.

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Paid Alfred Mudge & Son printing town reports.	$125 75
William Tobey, returns of deaths 1882 .	2 25
Henry Gurney, wood for office . .	2 37
H. A. Davis, sealing scales, etc. . .	12 35
I. N. Nutter, cash for deeds . . .	2 95
S. L. Seaver, labor and material . .	44 45
Robert Young, cleaning scales . .	2 00
Avery & Doten, printing 1882 . .	1 50
George M. Keith, moderator . . .	5 00
B. W. Keith, insurance town barn . .	15 00
A. P. Smith, printing	13 00
Gammons & Nutter, stove and hardware .	18 97
B. W. Keith, postal cards . . .	11 00
Fairbanks, Brown & Co. weights and measures	6 75
I. N. Nutter, cash for flax seed . .	2 60
Jarvis Burrell, printing	7 25
Mary S. Rogers, copying . . .	5 00
George A. Wheeler, cash paid printer .	11 25
Thomas Keith, surveying . . .	1 50
M. S. Curtis, printing	42 23
Garey, sawing wood for office . .	1 25
A. Mudge & Son, printing voting lists .	25 75
L. W. Richards, cash and team . .	17 40
M. L. Webber, teams and sexton . .	58 25
L. Holbrook, returns of deaths . .	3 00
I. N. Nutter, stationery	6 82
I. N. Nutter, rent of office . . .	41 67
Henry Gurney, cash and team . .	27 20
C. W. Siddall, repairing hearse . .	3 50

Paid Union Cemetery assessment on town lots		$2 00
M. P. Hudson, cash for guide-boards		5 95
Algier's Express		3 50
John Lane, cash paid surveying 1880		13 00
		$542 46
Amount appropriated	$600 00	
Amount unexpended		57 54
		$600 00

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Amount appropriated	$100 00
Paid Treas. G. A. R.	100 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Amount abated as per list	$115 10

No appropriation.

LIST OF ABATEMENTS.

William Andrews, left town	$2 00
Charles Boden, unable to pay	6 50
John H. Brush, left town	2 00
Leonard W. Barry, tax paid in Maine	2 00
Francis W. Chamberlain, left town	2 00
Henry Casey, "	2 00
Michael Coedy, "	2 00
Waldo A. Drake, "	2 00
Clarence B. Fuller, "	2 00
Michael Fleming, "	2 00
Est. of Sears R. Frost, unable to pay	4 00
Geo. W. Holmes, paid in South Abington	2 00
Richard S. Higgins, unable to pay	2 00

Est. of Wm. W. Keen, unable to pay	$10 50
John Lee, left town	2 00
Frank E. Mitchell, deceased	2 00
Hector McKenzie, left town	2 00
Heirs of John D. Mason, unable to pay	13 00
Kenneth McLane, left town	2 00
Thomas McCann, "	2 00
Andrew Neville, taxed in South Abington	2 00
John J. Paul, left town	2 00
Albion L. Ramsdell, left town	2 00
Thomas Rooney, "	2 00
Albert Shaw, "	2 00
Frank O. Swanoon, "	2 00
Ira H. Sumner, not taxable	2 50
Est. of Joseph Shaw, unable to pay	4 60
Lyman C. Shaw, "	2 00
Samuel C. Smith, "	5 50
George L. Turner, unknown	2 00
Marcus Temple, paid in Marlboro'	2 00
Elmer E. Wright, at sea	2 00
George G. Wilbar, deceased	2 00
Georgiana Hunt, exemption	5 00
Martin Rounds, "	5 00
Allen Washburn, excess	2 50
R. A. Littlefield, "	2 00
	$115 10

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Edmund W. Nutter, school committee	$45 00
Perley M. Griffin, " "	44 25
Ezra Kingman, " "	33 75
Edmund W. Nutter, supt. schools	266 67
F. S. Strong, school committee	8 75

Paid Henry Gurney, selectman, assessor, and overseer poor	$132 50
L. W. Richards, selectman, assessor, and overseer poor	203 75
James S. Allen, selectman, assessor, and overseer poor	51 50
Samuel Luzarder, constable	15 00
Benjamin Siddall, "	84 16
Isaac N. Nutter, treasurer	100 00
Frank Smith, collector	123 28
Frank Smith, clerk.	51 10
	$1,159 71
Amount appropriated	1,000 00
Overdrawn	$159 71

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

For incidentals	$542 46
Removing snow	136 38
Repairs of highways	2890 95
Sidewalks	488 27
Bridges and culverts	486 51
Payment of town officers	1,159 71
Suppression of crime	105 46
Decoration of soldiers' graves	100 00
Aid to persons out of the almshouse	2,199 30
Support of poor in the almshouse	1,660 93
State aid	614 00
Aid to indigent soldiers	294 00
Improvements at almshouse	240 62
Abatement of taxes	115 10
Mrs. Milikin's board at Taunton Lunatic Hospital refunded to town	161 31
	$11,195 00

LIST OF PERSONS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN TO SERVE AS JURORS FOR 1884.

George W. Allen.
Wellington Caldwell.
Samuel Keith.
Martin P. McLauthlin.
George E. Skillings.
Granville C. Allen.
Luther Harden.
Eliab Latham.
Nathan M. Pool.
Benjamin Ward.
Charles G. Wood.
Galen Willis, 2d.
Kimball E. Sheldon.
John M. Whiting.
Irving Bates.
Franklin Keith.
Charles Thrasher.
George B. Howland.
Francis Hayward.
Simeon C. Keith.
David Pratt.
Samuel C. White.
Eleazer Whitman.
Abbott T. Hewitt.
Asaph Thompson.
Zebina Keith.
Edmund W. Nutter.
Ezra F. Sampson.
William Edson.
Robert Young.
Ebenezer Whitmarsh.
George T. Mitchell.
Henry Edson.

HENRY GURNEY,
L. WATTS RICHARDS,
JAMES S. ALLEN,
Selectmen of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

VALUATION FOR 1883.

Real estate	$1,055,470 00
Personal	431,360 00
	$1,486,830 00

Number of polls, 809.
Tax on each poll, $2.00.
Rate of taxation, $10 on $1,000.

State tax	$1,395 00
County tax	1,497 33
Town tax	15,550 00
Overlay	43 97
	$18,486 30
Less estimate of corporation and bank tax from Commonwealth	2,000 00
	$16,486 30
Added 5 polls	10 00
Amount committed for collection	$16,496 30

HENRY GURNEY,
JAMES S. ALLEN,
L. W. RICHARDS,
Assessors of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Amount money drawn from the treasury for labor and supplies :—

Paid Daniel Groves, salary to balance	$66 66
A. Hunting, supplies	554 04
Charles E. Gaffney, labor	152 37
A. P. Sturtevant, blacksmith	20 47
Lewis P. Raymond, haying	24 00
Lemuel Pratt, haying	10 00
William H. Jefferson, haying	12 00
Henry W. Sears, salary	318 75
E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr., clothing	5 15
B. Ward, beef	58 58
L. Holbrook & Son, 2 coffins	20 00
Joshua Sturtevant, Jr., oxen	158 00
J. Burgess, shingles	9 00
A. Millett, syringe, etc.	2 10
Dr. A. Millett	25 00
Gammons & Nutter, supplies	45 58
Henry W. Sears, cash for oxen	125 00
John Hobart, coal	54 23
	$1,660 93

PAID FOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS AT ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Luther Wade, painting	$21 73
G. C. Allen, lumber	33 48

Paid M. L. Webber, carriage		$49 00
Gammons & Nutter, labor and material fitting up furnace		125 41
George B. Howland, labor		11 00
		$240 62

We have put in the furnace formerly used in the High School building. The school account should be credited, and the improvement of almshouse charged with $75, amount agreed upon by School Committee and Overseers Poor.

CASH PAID BACK INTO TREASURY.

July 14.	Sale of cattle	$120 00
Aug. 1.	Board Stephen O'Neil	6 00
	Board State pauper	5 00
Feb. 16.	Sale hay, Jacob Folsom	5 20
		$136 20

Three deaths have occurred during the year, viz., George Mellen, Willis Harding, Susannah Hayden. Present number inmates, five.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

DR.

Cash received for milk	$43 72
" " " hay	105 31
" " " butter	13 54
" " " eggs	5 08
" " " potatoes	1 25
" " " apples	5 00
" " " onions	2 25

Cash received for beef	$23 08
" " " pork	4 62
" " " bull	10 00
" " " sale cattle	165 00
" " " labor	101 97
" " " cash selectmen	125 00
" " " W. Harding	18
	$606 00

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Cash paid for fish	$19 23
" " repairs	2 55
" " sundries	18 57
" " swine	31 50
" " posts and rails	9 80
" " Dr. Millet	5 65
" " wood	9 00
" " bedding	2 00
" " bedsteads	24 00
" " bread, etc.	10 35
" " labor	79 88
" " beef	20 52
" " groceries and supplies	33 91
" " clothing	13 25
" " yoke	5 00
" " ploughs	20 00
" " cattle	160 00
" " steers	125 00
" " ice	8 50
	$598 72
Cash in hands of warden	7 29
	$606 00

AID TO PERSONS OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Mrs. Abbot L. Soule, Brockton	$7 75
Mrs. J. L. Coulter, Brockton	102 97
Mrs. Andrew P. Young	10 25
Mrs. Catherine Quinn, Lowell	24 00
Mrs. Augustus Vickery, Sandwich	19 00
Mrs. Caswell, paid by City Taunton	25 00
Mr. Asa W. Whitman	12 00
Mrs. Worthington Hanson	51 00
City Lynn aid to Connor's children	230 00
Town Weymouth, aid O'Brien Quigley	131 49
Mrs. H. B. Bates, belongs South Abington	25 00
Dr. A Millet, part of bill	12 50
Mrs. Dugan	7 88
Joseph M. Whitman	10 61
Mrs. Wm. O. Nutter, belongs in Kingston	2 98
Mrs. A. A. Harding	3 00
Marcus Temple	4 96
Mr. Willis Harding	34 75
Mrs. E. Baker, belongs in Rochester	22 61
Mrs. Sears R. Frost	23 86
D. B. Lipstine, paid by Commonwealth	15 50
Town Natick, aid C. D. Hatch family	240 00
Taunton L. Hospital, board Clara Washburn,	147 63
" " " " Robert Washburn,	175 15
" " " " Hannah Dunn	158 75
" " " " Nathaniel S. Bouldry	171 36
Aid to Hermon Washburn and family	143 70
" Mrs. J. H. Chadwick	17 63
" Willlam U. Brett and family	198 44

Aid to Mrs. Thomas H. Cummings . . .	$54 53
" Mrs. Sally Packard	115 00
	$2,199 30
We have paid the Taunton Lunatic Hospital for board of Mrs. Mehitable Milliken which has been refunded to the town . . .	161 31
	$2,358 58
Received and due from other towns . .	132 49
	$2,226 09
Town's proportion aid to indigent soldiers .	147 00
Net amount aid out of almshouse . . .	$2,373 09

HENRY GURNEY,
JAMES S. ALLEN,
L. W. RICHARDS,
Overseers of Poor.

To the Overseers of the Poor of East Bridgewater:

GENTLEMEN, — At your request I consented to act as Physician of the Almshouse and to the Board of Health for the year commencing April 1, 1883, and have discharged those duties to the present time with due regard to the welfare of the poor, and the interest of the inhabitants of the town.

The new keeper and matron, finding upon their arrival the house in an unsatisfactory condition, decided to have a thorough overhauling and cleaning of the premises. And if the report of the Overseers discloses the fact that some of the old furniture was destroyed and they had to purchase new, I am willing to accept fully any share of the responsibility of that act, without assigning any other reason than that I believed it to be the only proper thing to do under the circumstances. We now have a thoroughly clean and, since the

setting of a furnace, a comfortable house; a home for the poor and unfortunate fully equal in every comfort to the homes of people in moderate circumstances in this community. There are now but two things which I would take the liberty to ask of you or your successors, — better ventilation of the chambers and a bath-tub for the use of both sick and well.

I commend to you and through you to the inhabitants of this town the faithful, untiring Christian labors of the present matron of the house. She has placed us all under a debt of gratitude for her good work. The inmates of the house are now reduced to five: Mr. Eaton, Mr. Wright, Miss S. Dunbar, Mrs. Edson, and Mrs. Hannah Dunn. The first four are in much the same condition as two years ago. Mrs. Dunn was brought here from Taunton Lunatic Asylum, Nov. 2, 1883. She is in very good bodily health; and while I could not recommend that she be turned out into the world to earn a living or take care of herself, I must say she is in the place she occupies a very valuable help.

Since my connection with the house there have been three deaths: Amos Mellen died of general dropsy consequent upon disease of the heart and kidneys.

Willis Harding died in consequence of stone in the bladder, for which he had been operated upon in a Boston hospital but not cured. He had been in the house only a few weeks. He was a great yet a patient sufferer.

Miss Hayden had been an inmate for a long time and had suffered much from various diseases, besides being blind. Since my connection with the house last April, she has been quite demented and suffering from disease of the kidneys. These are all the deaths in the house since April last; one came to us with no hope of recovery, and the other two have long been suffering from incurable diseases in old age, and death could be only a relief to them. All of them received the kindest and most untiring attention of the matron.

Fortunately for the town, there has been the past season very little work for the Board of Health. Diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, typhoid fever, have not visited us as they have some of our neighbors; and I believe that with good sanitary regulations this may be one of the most healthy towns in the State.

A. MILLET.

Feb. 15, 1884.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

DR.

To amount committed $38 87

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By amount collected $38 87

ROBERT O. HARRIS.

George A. Wheeler, collector for 1882, removed from town, leaving a balance of $45.12 uncollected.

Robert O. Harris was appointed collector.

A part of the tax of Esther C. Hines was abated, amount $6.25, leaving $38.87 which was committed to Mr. Harris for collection.

HENRY GURNEY,
L. W. RICHARDS,
Assessors, 1882.

REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Paid the following persons for labor and material on highways: —

Francis Hayward	$185 14
Waldo Hayward	40 17
L. H. Hayward	7 29
Alonzo Leach	9 40
Geo. S. Harlow	23 25
E. A. Howe	3 75
Dane F. Edson	17 33
David S. Gurney	3 45
Melzer Waterman	85 95
C. W. Waterman	5 98
Eliab Latham	93 12
W. C. Nute	14 25
Mike Hennessy	18 75
J. H. Sturtevant	25 35
I. T. Hatch	2 00
S. G. Whitmarsh	4 75
J. W. Perry	21 95
Wm. Dow	13 25
Reuben Harding	14 70
Patrick Carroll	2 25
Z. A. Jenkins	80 39
Galen Latham	34 25
John A. Whiting	4 64
C. E. Hooper	10 00
W. F. Keene	5 00

I. N. Nutter	$3 15
Thomas Hewett	4 80
Patrick Luddy	7 50
T. Hobart	2 55
Edward Sharp	3 00
John Cook	70 35
Bela Hayward	8 43
Albert Bates	14 37
Andrew Dwyer	45 38
Stephen O'Neal	6 88
James B. Grover	15 75
S. D. Shaw	75
Walter L. Benson	105 73
Frank Fisher	24 38
Parker & Gannett	26 56
E. S. Davenport	2 25
Mark P. Hudson	110 60
James Cook	1 50
L. Harden	8 25
A. G. Edson	3 75
Wm. Ramsdell	11 25
M. Wilder	9 00
David Pratt	16 50
Ebenezer Whitmarsh	29 75
B. P. Beals	24 45
Daniel Briggs	4 50
L. W. Noyes	2 25
Andrew Clark	15 00
Dennis Curran	77 70
Reuben Bates	3 36
Nat. Perkins	12 46
Geo. F. Hayward	3 75
E. H. Brown	12 25

Chas. E. Brown	$22 65
Mt. Hope Iron Co.	20 46
Moten E. Hill	11 70
Pat. Brine	4 50
A. K. Benson	6 38
Bradford Little	18 00
Henry W. Sears	56 47
William Smith	1 50
J. Burrell	2 00
L. P. Raymond	1 13
S. F. Howland	1 50
Algier's Express	3 50
N. M. Keene	2 50
Walter V. Judkins	27 00
Stephen Harlow	1 25
Daniel Desmond	47 85
Henry Greene	3 00
C. W. Siddall	2 50
Spencer Leonard	3 00
James McAnaugh	51 75
Christopher Monahan	141 75
N. W. French	7 83
A. Sharp	1 50
Patrick Drislane	29 40
Oliver Pratt	6 00
J. E. Bisbee	18 15
Fred L. Keith	6 63
John Curley	1 50
Samuel Keith	160 20
Herbert C. Keith	136 10
L. Churchill, Jr.	13 50
E. L. Clark	118 30
Geo. L. French	23 63
Martin Sumner	50 51

James Mangan	$4 20
D. W. Gurney	86 22
J. E. Noyes	5 25
H. H. Erskins	8 78
Martin Parris	8 73
E. K. Eaton	5 97
Geo. L. Chamberlain	81 38
Barney Sheridan	8 25
John Shepard	6 00
Eugene Carpenter	14 25
Ezra F. Sampson	96 74
J. B. Harden	50 50
C. W. Pratt	1 50
Hosea Hathaway	37 90
David Roach	9 00
East Bridgewater Iron Co.	7 65
James S. Allen	19 13
Charles R. Beals	3 00
Eleazer Whitman	75
John Lane	17 60
	$2,890 95

SAMUEL KEITH,
MARK P. HUDSON,
JOHN LANE,
Road Commissioners Town of East Bridgewater.

Paid the following persons for labor and material for sidewalks:—

D. W. Gurney	$57 37
Waldo Bros.	15 30
O. C. R. R. Co.	1 70
Samuel Keith	32 00
Mark P. Hudson	38 00
Geo. L. Chamberlain	41 75

Eliab Latham	$22 75
Martin Parris	12 75
John Cook	12 75
Andrew Dwyer	15 75
Herbert C. Keith	63 50
Patrick Drislane	37 50
Martin Sumner	23 25
James Mangin	6 00
Dane F. Edson	2 55
Mike Hennessy	6 00
Christopher Monahan	12 00
Daniel Desmond	6 00
Alonzo Sharp	3 00
Melzer Waterman	9 75
M. E. Hill	4 35
Thomas Hewett	2 40
Reuben Harding	9 75
Jabez Sturtevant	1 80
Dennis Curran	6 00
Marcellus Day	3 60
H. H. Erskins	8 75
Albert Bates	1 50
Waldo Hayward	2 50
Bela Hayward	1 25
Francis Hayward	4 50
E. W. Clark	15 00
I. N. Nutter	7 20
	$488 27

SAMUEL KEITH,
MARK P. HUDSON,
JOHN LANE,
Road Commissioners.

Paid the following persons for labor and material on bridges: —

Eugene Carpenter	$1 50
O. C. R. R. Co.	14 12
Geo. L. French	3 00
Geo. L. Chamberlain	18 00
Andrew Dwyer	10 50
Mark P. Hudson	13 00
Herman Leonard	6 25
O. S. Soule	33 05
Samuel Keith	28 50
G. C. Allen	150 85
W. F. Keene	50 00
T. E. Hobart	1 00
Eliab Latham	16 45
Melzer Waterman	4 05
Albert L. Alger	8 96
Gammors & Nutter	12 51
E. Bridgewater Iron Co.	4 30
S. L. Seaver	6 17
H. H. Erskins	4 00
E. F. Sampson	3 00
Marcellus Day	61 10
Francis Hayward	8 00
Zenas A. Jenkins	6 00
Patrick Drislane	3 00
Waldo Bros.	13 20
Mark P. Hudson	3 00
John Lane	3 00
	$486 51

SAM'L KEITH,
MARK P. HUDSON,
JOHN LANE,
Road Commissioners Town of East Bridgewater.

Paid the following persons for material and labor for making seven snow ploughs:—

O. S. Soule	$9 18	
S. L. Seaver	13 24	
Carver Cotton Gin Co.	1 70	
Sam Keith	2 00	
East Bridgewater Iron Co.	1 74	
		$27 86

Paid the following persons for clearing highways and sidewalks of snow:—

James R. Hudson	$11 10	
Mark P. Hudson	6 60	
Eliab Latham	2 40	
Galen Latham	2 00	
Levi Noyes	1 40	
Reuben Harden	2 20	
Herbert Keith	5 10	
John W. Carroll	1 60	
Michael Fitzgerld	1 60	
John Cook	1 20	
Geo. L. French	1 20	
David Tower	1 50	
Sam Keith	3 00	
Frank Hayward	5 50	
John Eastman	9 25	
David Roach	11 70	
Ezra Sampson	3 20	
D. W. Gurney	15 25	
John Lane	2 50	
		88 30
Paid snow bills 1882 and 1883.		20 22
		$136 38

SAM'L KEITH,
MARK P. HUDSON,
JOHN LANE,
Road Commissioners Town of East Bridgewater.

TOWN MEETING.

PLYMOUTH, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of East Bridgewater, in the County of Plymouth, Greeting: —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of East Bridgewater, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said town on Monday, the tenth day of March next, at one o'clock P. M., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit: —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.

ART. 2. To act on the reports of town officers.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to pay all town charges.

ART. 5. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ART. 6. To see if the town will authorize their collector of taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 8. To act on a list of jurors proposed by the selectmen.

ART. 9. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town.

ART. 10. To see what measures the town will take to provide additional apparatus, and also secure a supply of water

with which to protect the buildings in town from destruction by fire.

ART. 11. To hear and act on the report of the committee chosen to report on the subject of a public library.

ART. 12. To act on any other business that may come before them.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up a copy thereof at the post-offices, and also at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the town clerk of said East Bridgewater, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

HENRY GURNEY,
L. WATTS RICHARDS,
JAMES S. ALLEN,
Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer*,
In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1883.		DR.	
Feb.	19.	Balance, as per previous report .	$1,859 09
"	24.	State Treasurer, corporation tax .	313 44
		State Treasurer, national bank tax .	3 24
April	12.	Asa Millet, guardian of Mehitable Milliken, amount paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital . . .	29 94
May	5.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed on note of town .	2,000 00
June	15.	State Treasurer, borrowed on note of town	2,000 00
July	2.	R. O. Harris, collector on tax of 1882	36 87
	14.	Selectmen, amount received for cattle sold from almshouse . .	120 00
	21.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed on note of town . .	1,000 00
	26.	Asa Millett, guardian of Mehitable Milliken, amount paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital . . .	43 45
Aug.	1.	Stephen O'Neil, board at almshouse	6 00
	8.	City of Taunton, aid to Mrs. H. P. Caswell	25 00
Oct.	8.	Estate of James Eaton, for release of real estate sold by collector .	87 64

Oct.	15.	Asa Millett, guardian of Mehitable Millikin, amount paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital . . .	$43 01
Dec.	3.	State Treasurer, corporation tax .	1,565 99
	3.	State Treasurer, national bank tax	716 67
	3.	State Treasurer, State aid . .	982 00
	3.	State Treasurer, relief of indigent soldiers	219 00
	13.	State Treasurer, cases of settlement and bastardy	20 50
1884.			
Jan.	21.	Asa Millett, guardian of Mehitable Milliken, amount paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital . . .	44 91
	21.	County Treasurer, dividend on dog tax	215 62
	30.	State Treasurer, corporation tax .	189 13
	30.	State Treasurer, national bank tax,	7 94
	30.	State Treasurer, income of school fund	199 81
Feb.	16.	Selectmen, for hay sold from almshouse	5 20
	18.	Robert O. Harris, collector on tax of 1882	2 00
	20.	Frank Smith, collector on account of tax of 1883, including interest collected	16,544 81
			$28,281 26

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1883.			
Oct.	1.	State Treasurer, note of town .	$2,000 00
	1.	State Treasurer, interest . .	24 80
	1.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, two notes of town	3,000 00

Oct.	1.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest		$45 50
	10.	Town of Hanson, tax on real estate,		19
	24.	County tax for 1883 . . .		1,497 33
Dec.	1.	State tax for 1883 . . .		1,595 00
	1.	Frank Smith, collector, tax of 1883, on real estate held by town by deeds, from collector, viz.:		
		Geo. W. Dean .	$0 50	
		John Enwright .	40	
		Abby Farrar . .	2 50	
		Benj. F. Jackson .	70	
				4 10
1884.				
Feb.	20.	Frank Smith, collector, tax for 1883, on real estate taxed to John Worton, sold for non-payment of tax		13 72
	20.	Orders drawn by Selectmen . .		11,195 00
	20.	Orders drawn by School Committee		7,647 57
		Balance		$26,823 21
		Cash on hand		1,458 05
				$28,281 26

I. N. NUTTER.
Town Treasurer,

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

1883.			
Feb.	1.	Cash on hand	$84 66
"	2.	J. Dorey, dance	10 00
"	5.	Unitarian Society	10 00
"	13.	E. B. Cornet Band	5 00
"	16.	B. Alden, dance	10 00
"	22.	Unitarian Society	10 00
"	28.	B. Alden, dance	10 00
March	14.	E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr., dance	10 00
"	21.	Unitarian Society	10 00
"	28.	N. Y. Opera Co.	10 00
April	5, 6.	High School	8 00
"	17.	E. B. Cornet Band	5 00
"	27.	N. Y. Opera Co.	10 00
"	30.	Unitarian Society	10 00
May	1.	Hayward's Minstrels	10 00
"	18.	J. Dorey, dance	12 00
June	14, 15, 16.	Unitarian Fair	15 00
"	18.	Reunion 29th Regiment	3 00
July	1.	Temperance Union	2 50
Aug.	24.	R. J. Mitchell, dance	12 00
Oct.	16.	Republican Town Committee	5 00
"	18.	Spauldings	10 00
"	25.	J. Kingston, dance	12 00
"	30.	Democratic Town Committee	5 00
"	31.	Unitarian Society	3 00

1883.			
Nov.	3.	Republican Town Committee	$5 00
"	6.	Prof. Cooper, dancing school	25 00
"	25.	Temperance lecture	2 50
"	28, 29.	Unitarian Society	8 00
Dec.	6.	Thayer & Lothrop	3 00
"	13.	" "	5 00
"	14.	Unitarian Society	6 00
"	20.	Thayer & Lathrop	5 00
"	24.	Unitarian Sunday School	5 00
"	25.	Thayer & Lothrop	8 00
"	27.	High School Reunion	5 00
1884.			
Jan.	3.	Thayer & Lothrop	5 00
"	15.	Hanoverian Family	10 00
"	16.	Unitarian Society	5 00
"	18.	Prof. Cooper	7 50
"	22.	G. A. R. Post	6 00
"	25.	Unitarian Society	6 00
"	31.	Leap-year party	12 00
			$421 16

EXPENDITURES.

1883.			
March	3.	Isadas Fuller, janitor	$12 00
April	3.	Isadas Fuller, janitor	6 00
"	13.	J. Hobart, coal	1 10
"	18.	Insurance on Town Hall	26 25
May	1.	Isadas Fuller	7 50
June	2.	Isadas Fuller	3 00
July	1.	Isadas Fuller	7 50
"	9.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, etc.	15 97
Sept.	26.	W. V. West, wood	4 50
Oct.	1.	Isadas Fuller	5 50
"	13.	F. E. Stuart, settees	34 00

1883.			
Oct.	15.	Freight on settees	$3 10
Nov.	1.	Isadas Fuller	7 00
Dec.	3.	Isadas Fuller	18 00
"	14.	J. Hobart, coal	14 50
1884.			
Jan.	1.	Isadas Fuller	14 50
"	3.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, etc. . .	14 80
Feb.	1.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, etc. . .	4 35
"	1.	Isadas Fuller	15 50
"	1.	M. S. Curtis, kalsomining . .	10 50
"	1.	F. Smith, wax for floor . . .	1 60
"	1.	F. Smith, Secretary and Treasurer Committee	10 00
			$237 17
Feb.	1.	Cash on hand	183 99
			$421 16

AMOS HUNTING,
ISAAC N. NUTTER,
FRANK SMITH,
Town Hall Committee.

There is now due from Prof. Cooper $32\frac{50}{100}$ for use of hall for dancing school.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

FRANK SMITH, *Collector*,
In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

To amount committed for collection . .		$16,496 30
" " of interest collected . . .		56 51
		$16,552 81

CR.

By amount paid Treasurer,	$16,544 81
" " taxes uncollected,	8 00
	$16,552 81

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the accounts of the selectmen, overseers of the poor, school committee, treasurer, assessors and collector, and report as follows: —

Selectmen.

Amount of orders drawn on the treasurer	$11,195 00
Amount of orders paid by the treasurer	11,195 00

School Committee.

Amount of orders drawn on the treasurer	$7,647 57
Amount of orders paid by the treasurer	7,647 57

Treasurer.

Amount received during the year	$28,281 26
Amount paid out during the year	26,823 21
Cash on hand	$1,458 05

Collector.

Amount committed for collection	$16,496 30
Interest	56 51
	$16,552 81
Amount paid to treasurer	16,544 81
Uncollected taxes	$8 00
Amount committed to R. O. Harris for collection,	38 87
Amount paid to treasurer	38 87

(The collector has shown us the treasurer's receipt for the above amounts.)

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT AT ALMSHOUSE.

Amount received during the year ending Jan. 31, 1884	$606 00
Amount paid out during the year ending Jan. 31, 1884	598 71
Cash on hand Feb. 31, 1884	$7 29
Total valuation is	$1,486,830 00

Respectfully submitted,

N. F. DUNPHE,
H. L. WATERMAN,
R. A. LITTLEFIELD,
Auditors.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.,
Feb. 25, 1884.

The committee chosen at the annual town meeting held March 12, 1883, to take into consideration the subject of a public town library, submit the following report: —

The greater part of the towns in this Commonwealth, particularly those having a population as large or larger than our own, have established and maintain public libraries. The towns adjoining this, with possibly two exceptions, now maintain public libraries, and we think the time will soon arrive when none but the smallest towns with high rates of taxation will fail to provide its citizens with the advantages which a well-selected library affords. It seems to your committee that the benefits of our public-school system cannot be fully realized unless supplemented with the opportunities for acquiring information which the perusal of good books affords, and in order to accomplish this desirable result, and at the same time make our town the equal of others in the attrac-

tions which good schools, good roads, and quiet streets have, not only for those now residing in our limits, but for those also who in seeking a new location may be drawn to this by no means unattractive town, by our being able to offer the advantages already enumerated.

An opportunity is offered at this time for this town to establish a public library without the expenditure of a large amount.

At the annual meeting of the East Bridgewater Library Association held in January last the following vote was passed, viz. : "That if the town will annually appropriate a sum not less than one hundred dollars to be expended for books under the direction of the library committee, the public may have the free use of the books belonging to this association."

In view of this action of the Library Association your committee recommend the acceptance of the offer, and that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated the present year, of which three hundred dollars of said sum shall be used in the purchase of books, and that the library be kept in the room occupied by the town officers, and be open at least on two week-day afternoons of each week, and at such other times as may be deemed proper and best.

EZRA KINGMAN,
GEO. W. ALLEN,
I. N. NUTTER,
Committee.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

Thirty-two marriages have been recorded during the year 1883.

Date. 1883.	Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence.
Jan. 16.	Roscoe S. Hunt of Bridgewater, and Elizabeth McCabe of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. Milton Peck.
Jan. 17.	Elisha R. Magoun and Lydia A. Sylvester, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.
Feb. 6.	James Pendergrast and Sarah Flynn, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
Feb. 8.	F. Granville Keith of Easton, and Deborah Reed of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Perley M. Griffin.
Feb. 15.	Walter V. Judkins and Emma F. Mills, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. F. A. Crafts.
March 1.	James B. Grover and Lois F. Wilbar, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
March 6.	Edgar E. Worcester of East Bridgewater, and Henrietta Lothrop of West Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.
April 7.	Nathaniel S. Bouldry and Lenora J. Hill, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.
April 18.	Frank E. Wentworth of East Bridgewater, and Julia T. Damon of Boston. By Rev. B. M. Frink.

April 24. John D. White of Manchester, Ky., and Alice M. Harris of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

May 26. Adna Howland and Hattie Osborn, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.

May 27. Fred Leland Welch and Catharine McDonald, both of Bridgewater. By Rev. E. S. Fletcher.

June 7. Fred L. Chandler of Duxbury, and Loretta C. Lyon of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.

June 13. Julius L. Hayward of West Bridgewater, and Ida Aldridge of East Bridgewater. By Rev. E. S. Fletcher.

June 13. Willard E. Barnes of Brockton, and Lilla F. Shipman of East Bridgewater. By Rev. E. S. Fletcher.

July 1. Lewis G. Emily of Brockton, and Nettie A. Freeman of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.

July 29. Hezimaire Pinsaneault and Mathilde Thibault, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.

Sept. 2. Michael J. Crowley of East Bridgewater, and Minnie F. Pickett of Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.

Sept. 12. Peleg W. Sampson of East Bridgewater, and Mary P. Pope of Bridgewater. By Rev. T. F. Wright.

Sept. 17. George W. Bloomstrand and Minnie E. Bowman, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Henry O. Lindblad.

Sept. 19. Edgar A. Standish and Betsey H. Brown, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Sept. 30. J. Alvan Lyon of East Bridgewater, and Alice B. Southworth of Lakeville. By Rev. E. Dawes.

Oct. 12. Frank A. Trescott and Mary G. Carleton, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.

Oct. 18. Nathaniel N. Thayer of Boston, and Anna Caroline Hobart of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Oct. 23. Charles W. Adams and Julia Donohoe, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.

Nov. 4. Clarence W. Lyon and Alice B. Bishop, both of Halifax. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Nov. 21. Fred G. Bonney and Amy Keith, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J.W . Quinby.

Nov. 25. Samuel E. Keith and Flora A. Luzarder, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

Nov. 29. Daniel L. Reed of Brockton, and Marcia A. Edson of South Abington. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Dec. 15. Harry Cole and Matilda Johnson, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. Milton Peck.

Dec. 22. Charles E. Gaffney and Celia Elman, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. E. S. Fletcher.

Dec. 29. Myron E. Hayward of East Bridgewater, and Abbie G. Marchant of Abington. By Rev. F. A. Warfield.

FRANK SMITH,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1883.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS' NAMES.
1883.		
Jan. 6....	Lizzie Gertrude Bunker.....	Theodore E. and Annie.
" 27....	Henry William Smith.....	William and Kate.
Feb. 5....	Myra Josephine Griffin.....	Perley M. and Eva J.
" 5....	Percy F. Van Amringe.....	George C. and Thankful H.
" 13....	Patrick Andrew Condon	Thomas and Kate.
" 15....	——— Harden.....	John W. and Lura.
" 23....	Paul Dillon.....	James and Annie.
March 2....	Angus Alec Nicholson	Murdock and Effie.
" 6....	Ann Thibault.....	Nazaira and Mary.
" 18....	Joanna Geary.....	Daniel and Mary.
" 29....	Alfred Chase Ransden	Elias A. and Mary T.
April 2....	Lizzie Pendergrast.....	James and Sarah.
" 8....	Margaret Clift Hunting	Amos and Margaret O.
" 12....	Arthur Reynolds Latham.....	E. Austin and Lucy A.
" 11....	Bridget Elizabeth Campbell....	Lot and Mary A.
" 28....	George Wright Bouldry.....	Thomas H. and Celia W.
May 1....	Owen Feeney.....	Michael, Jr., and Mary.
" 1....	Katie Alice Elman.....	Peter and Alice.
" 6....	James Paul Dillon.....	John and Sarah.
" 6....	Florence Allen Lincoln.....	Isaac H. and Emily M.
" 26....	Charles Frederick Jordan	John F. and Ella P.
June 15....	Mary Kingsley Churchill....	Frank N. and Florence W.
July 1....	Robert Kenneth Keith.....	Nahum and Maria.
" 6....	Louise Foster Pratt.....	Prescott H. and Agnes C.
" 7....	Alfred Emmet Hill.....	William J and Susan M.
" 28....	John Winn.....	Barney and Mary.
" 30....	Walter Kenneth Lyon	Walter H. & Josephine R.
Aug. 12....	Willie Burke	Michael and Ellen.
" 16....	Russell Robinson Baker.....	William T. and Emily.
" 26....	Carro Hayward	William A. and Louise B.
" 30....	Lewis Everett Sisson.....	Job E. and Lizzie F.
Sept. 3....	Marion Forbes Dunbar.....	George W. and Susie E.
" 17....	Hubert Dudley Johnson.....	Henry E. and Lucy.
" 18....	Annie Barrett.....	Patrick and Bridget.
" 24....	Frank Welford Hain	Charles F. and Annie S.
" 25....	Ellen Swift	Timothy and Mary.
Oct. 3....	——— Fish.....	Thomas J. and Annie.
" 19....	Grace Evelyn French	William H. and Almira D.
" 25....	Harry Lyman Freeman.....	James D. and E. Augusta.
Nov. 10....	Ralph Spaulding Place.....	Carlos H. and Pauline M.
" 14....	Flora Wilbur Gurney.....	Reuben A. and Lois W.
" 15....	Agnes Amelia Noyes.....	Daniel W. and Etta.

Whole number of births, 42: males, 22; females, 20.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1883.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASES OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1883.					
Jan. 6,	Abby Francis Littlefield	16	6	25	Heart Disease.
" 7,	Michael Mahoney	30			Phthisis.
" 10,	Charles H. Goss	49	10	3	Consumption.
" 17,	Betsey Porter	90	5		Old Age.
Feb. 10,	Lysander Bourne	70			Angina Pectoris.
" 14,	Ellen F. Donnelly		4	10	Whooping Cough.
" 17,	Thomas Rogers	76	5	6	Accidental Burning.
" 17,	——— Harden	...		2	Inanition.
" 17,	Maria Hicks	72	5	5	Chronic Bronchitis.
" 24,	Daniel P. Edson	67	2	3	Chronic Myelitis.
March 11,	Laura A. Tillson	71	11	28	Cancer.
" 11,	Henry Johnson	64	3	4	Inflam'n of Sacrum.
" 22,	Jane Davenport	75	1	14	Congestion of Lungs.
" 23,	Ruth Harden	50		15	Pneumonia.
" 31,	Martha A. Boden	34	2	20	Dropsy.
April 2,	Maria B. Dawes	76	4		Apoplexy.
" 6,	Lucius I. Freeman	18	9		Heart Disease.
" 14,	Percy F. Van Amringe		2	10	Convulsions.
" 17,	Myra K. Tillson	33	9	10	Consumption.
" 23,	Amos W. Mellen	83	3	25	Old Age.
" 28,	Napoleon Gadbois		3	11	Convulsions.
May 9,	Jefferson B. Meservy	53	6	13	Inflam'n of Bowels.
" 18,	Joseph Shaw	74	5		Bright's Disease.
" 23,	William W. Keen	73	11	26	Apoplexy.
" 24,	Benjamin R. Alden	75			Heart Disease.
June 2,	Lea Thibault	2			Croup.
" 16,	Owen Feeney		1	16	Convulsions.
" 17,	Perez Williams	66		20	Disease of Lungs.
" 20,	Willis Harden	68		..	Cystitis.
" 26,	——— Sousa			1	Hemorrhage.
" 28,	William U. Brett	39	6	26	Chronic Abcess.
" 29,	Charles Holmes	48	1	22	Typhoid Malar'l Fever
July 1,	Harriet F. McCarter	59	3	24	Cancer.
" 13,	Alexander P. Thompson	18	6	3	Phthisis.
" 18,	Frank E. Mitchell	22	4	16	Lockjaw.
" 22,	Thomas A. Herrick	63	7		Paralysis.
Aug. 30,	Mary Feeney	80			Consumption.
Sept. 4,	John Noonan	65			Accidental Drowning.
" 8,	George G. Wilbar	29	...		Cerebral Congestion.
Oct. 10,	Frank P. Reed	28	7	23	Blood Poisoning.
" 20,	Ellen O. Hearn	70	...		Jaundice.
Nov. 9,	Sally P. Knapp	84	6	5	Paralysis.
" 17,	Sophia T. Stuart	70	6		Gangrene.
" 19,	Henry W. Sturtevant	43			Catarrhal Pneumonia.

Deaths Registered, etc., continued.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASES OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Days.	Months.	Years.	
1883.					
Nov. 20,	Julia E. Lincoln	12	1	8	Spinal Meningitis.
" 25,	Simeon W. Richmond	59	7	15	Tumor.
Dec. 4,	Jane A. Temple	35			Pneumonia.
" 11,	Daniel P. Dyson	22	3	11	Consumption.
" 21,	Isaac Lincoln	74	9	11	Apoplexy.
" 24,	Herman A. Washburn	53	2		Marasmus.
" 26,	Susanna Hayden	91			Old Age.
1882.					
Jan. 31,	Abbie G. Starbuck	70			Pneumonia.
Dec. 18,	Adeline H. Keene	70			

Whole number of deaths in 1883.....51

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR

1883-4.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At the annual town meeting, Ezra Kingman was chosen a member of the School Committee for one year to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of R. O. Harris. Rev. P. M. Griffin was elected for the three-years' term.

The board was organized by the choice of E. W. Nutter as chairman and treasurer, and Mr. Griffin as secretary.

The town having voted to employ a superintendent, Mr. Nutter was appointed to that position. His report of the condition and progress of the schools during the year accompanies this.

The committee have held twenty-two meetings during the year, at nearly all of which there has been a full attendance of the board. The superintendent has presented a written report at each of the regular sessions, held on the second Monday of each month.

SCHOOL SUPERVISION.

From their observation of the schools during the past year, the committee are convinced that the standard of scholarship is below that which can and should be maintained.

The existing defects are due chiefly to two causes, — the employment of untrained teachers, and the lack of a close and intelligent supervision.

In making this assertion, the committee disclaim any intention of criticising their predecessors in office. It is, rather, a condemnation of the system of school superintendence heretofore in vogue in this town, and most others of the

State. That this system cannot be depended upon to produce the best results is clearly shown in the following extracts from a recent report of the Board of Education : —

"Every school committee man may be supposed to have his own business or occupation to follow. He cannot afford to neglect it to superintend the internal affairs of the schools. He is never paid for such a sacrifice, nor is it expected that he will give such careful study to the school problems which constantly present themselves, as to enable him to make a philosophical solution of them all. This is the work of the professional educator, who has given his life to the study and practice of teaching."

"The best results are secured by placing the inspection and direction of the schools in the hands of a single person, competent and able to devote himself to giving advice in all matters pertaining to the teaching and general management of the schools, he acting under the full committee as an advisory and authoritative board. This plan is virtually adopted in most of the larger places, and in many of the smaller ones, and uniformly with the most satisfactory results."

The committee strongly urge the continuance of the method of superintendence adopted by the town at the beginning of the year.

If the salary of the superintendent were to be raised sufficiently to compensate him for devoting a larger share of his time to the direction of the schools, their efficiency would be correspondingly increased.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

The sum paid for teaching during the year is somewhat in excess of the appropriation. The vote of the town by which the appropriation was made specified that a certain portion should be expended "on other schools than the High."

In compliance with the evident intention of this vote, the committee reduced the salaries of the teachers of the High School.

The committee share in what seems to be the prevalent opinion that the pay of the teachers in the primary aud mixed schools has been disproportionately low. The successful management of these schools requires that their instructors should possess qualities which are not so constantly called into exercise in the higher or graded schools.

It is neither justice nor good policy to keep the salaries in any grade of schools so low as to render it difficult to obtain for them the services of competent teachers.

We must continue to labor under the disadvantage growing out of the competition of the larger towns and cities which offer so much greater remuneration as to give them almost a monopoly of skilled instruction. So long, however, as we are compelled to seek for teachers beyond our own limits, we must offer salaries equal to those paid by the majority of towns of the size of our own.

During the year many vacancies have occurred in the schools, and the committee have found it very difficult to obtain experienced teachers. To do this, they have been forced, in most instances, to raise the salaries. To maintain them at the present rate will require for the ensuing year a sum equal to that expended the past year.

The following is a list of the teachers at present employed, with the salaries paid. The school year is reckoned as forty weeks for the High School, and thirty-six for the others.

Wyman C. Fickett, High School . . .	$975 00
Florence M. Cross	375 00
Fred M. Wight, Central Grammar . . .	432 00
Ann W. Harden, Centre Intermediate . .	288 00
Hattie F. Whitmarsh, West Intermediate .	288 00

Ellen M. Murphy, North Primary . . .	$288 00
Cora B. Ripley, North Primary . . .	144 00
Agnes A. Voigt, West Primary . . .	288 00
Alva B. Whitney, Beaver Grammar . .	360 00
Lura J. Burrell, Beaver Primary . . .	252 00
Annie S. Clifford, Elmwood Grammar . .	360 00
Fannie M. Gurney, Elmwood Primary . .	252 00
Hattie C. Sampson, Satucket	252 00
Bertha I. Mason, Curtisville	252 00
Mary E. Worcester, Eastville . . .	252 00
Gertrude Fuller, Northville	360 00

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

The various items of expenditure for the repair and improvement of school property are given in the financial report.

Considerable improvements have been made in the buildings of the Northville and North Primary schools. New outbuildings have been constructed at Elmwood.

A fence has been built around the yard of the West Primary. The interiors of the High and Central Grammar school-rooms have been renovated, and other repairs involving smaller outlays than the above have been made. In addition, all the wells but two have been put in order, and a supply of water for every school can be secured at slight expense the coming year.

New outbuildings are needed at Satucket and Eastville.

Alterations should be made in the building at Elmwood, to render it comfortable and convenient for the pupils of the two schools. The floors should be relaid and other changes made in the interior. A portion of the fence must be rebuilt, and the building needs painting inside and outside.

The building at Beaver is old-fashioned, ill-arranged, and

in most respects unsuitable for its purpose. Its form and dimensions are such as to render it impossible to change it to meet the requirements of a modern school building. Could this be done, the expense would be so great, that it would be wiser for the town to consider the construction of a new building. This the committee believe to be the true policy, and they recommend that an appropriation for that purpose be made this year, if the financial condition of the town will warrant it.

For reasons given below, but a small part of the sum appropriated for the East Primary Schoolhouse has been expended on that building; nothing more having been done than to paint the outside and put in new windows.

During the fall term, the membership of the school fell off, until the average number of pupils attending was less than twenty. It was found that all but one of these resided in the village, north of Spring Street.

To save expense and for the better accommodation of the pupils, it was decided to unite the school with the North Primary, for the winter term at least.

The West and North Primaries have now as many pupils as can be well cared for. Should their membership increase as it probably will during the summer terms, the East Primary building could be moved to a lot near the head of Spring Street, where it would be so near the centre of population of the village that pupils could be transferred to it without inconvenience.

ESTIMATES.

The committee estimate that the following sums will be required the coming year for the support of schools and the repairs on property: —

School purposes	$5,600
Incidentals	300

Books and apparatus	$50
Repairs at Elmwood	350
General repairs	200

For the committee,

P. M. GRIFFIN.

EZRA KINGMAN.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Gentlemen of the School Committee:

In submitting to you my annual report as superintendent of the schools, I may be permitted to allude briefly to the demands which the duties of the office make upon the time and labor of its incumbent, and to point out some of the obstacles which lie in the way of the accomplishment of the objects aimed at.

By the agreement made with the committee at the time of my appointment, I was required to devote to the schools one half of each day on which they were in session, or an equivalent time. That I have done much more than this agreement exacted, you who have aided me in my work will readily believe.

To visit the schools as often as the law requires, would alone occupy three half-days out of every four; but this constitutes the smaller part of the labor of the superintendent. The employment of teachers, with the necessary correspondence and examinations; the preparation of questions to test the proficiency of the pupils, and the examination of the written answers; the keeping of records and the making of reports, — these and other duties claim their share of attention.

I have been compelled to defer or leave undone many things which I felt the welfare of the schools demanded. Had I been at liberty to give a larger share of my time to the public schools, I would gladly have done so. As it is, I can only express regret at my inability to discharge all the duties that have pressed upon me.

The work of raising our schools to such a standard of excellence as will insure the thorough training of the pupils in all the departments of instruction is not one that can be accomplished in a short time, nor does it depend solely upon the efforts of those charged with the responsibility of supervision. To this end, many conditions are necessary, the chief of which are, a liberal provision by the town for the support of the schools and the supply of needed apparatus, a regular progressive course of study, a corps of trained and competent teachers, efficient supervision, and the moral support of the community.

That the citizens of the town appreciate the value of good schools, and are willing to tax themselves liberally for the education of the young, I am glad to believe.

That there has been, however, a want of a well-defined policy in the support and management of the schools must, I think, be admitted.

The methods of instruction generally employed have not been calculated to excite interest in the minds of the pupils, nor to lead to a natural development of their faculties, which are the prime objects of education.

Whatever reforms are to be accomplished must be brought about through the instrumentality of those placed in direct charge of the schools.

Only by the retention of good teachers, through longer periods of service, can we hope to gain the end sought.

In this respect the past year has been an unfortunate one. Of the fifteen schools, only seven have been exempt from the ill effects resulting from a change of teachers.

The prospect for the coming year, however, is more encouraging. We are justified in expecting that the teachers now employed will render acceptable service, and will continue at their posts.

Having thus called attention to some considerations which should be borne in mind in judging the results of the past year, I proceed to report the condition of the schools during that time.

ATTENDANCE.

By the school census, May, 1883, the number of children in town between five and fifteen years of age was	453
A decrease from last year of	39
Whole number of pupils of all ages enrolled on school registers	543
Of these the number over fifteen years was	40
Of these the number under fifteen years was	11
Number of pupils of school age attending	492

Or thirty-nine more than the number shown by the census.

This number includes those children who have come of school age during the year, those who have come in from other towns, and the pupils of the Beaver schools who reside in West Bridgewater.

Average membership of the schools	446
Average attendance of the schools	401
Per cent of average attendance	90.5

The following table shows the membership and attendance of the schools severally : —

Name of School.	Number of Pupils.			Per cent of Average Attendance for Year.
	Summ r.	Fall.	Winter.	
High School	38	36	36	94
Central Grammar	47	59	56	92
Centre Intermediate	30	32	32	87
West Intermediate	36	32	31	94
West Primary	46	38	36	90
East Primary	30	19	..	83
North Primary	33	28	44	89
Beaver Grammar	29	26	25	89
Beaver Primary	33	33	32	89
Elmwood Grammar	21	28	28	95
Elmwood Primary	39	40	35	88
Curtisville	22	20	22	95
Northville	41	43	39	91
Eastville	23	30	23	89
Satucket	18	17	14	92
	486	481	453	90½

It will be seen by this table that eight of the fifteen schools show an average of over ninety per cent. The average of all the schools, ninety and one half per cent, is as high as in any former year.

The attendance in the primary schools, as is to be expected, is more irregular than in those of higher grade.

In some parts of the town the practice still exists of keeping children at home a part of the term to work, and of causing them to be dismissed before the close of the sessions.

Several cases of truancy have occurred in the schools of the central part of the town, due mainly to the indifference of parents, or to their lack of authority over their children. The only legal remedy for these cases is for the truant officers to make a complaint before a court, and have the offenders committed to a truant school. This is often too harsh a measure, and makes expense for the town, which is obliged to pay for the support of its truants.

Power should be conferred upon the truant officers to take

boys when found wilfully absenting themselves from school, and to carry them forthwith to the schools to which they belong. For the discipline of confirmed truants, a county school would be a great convenience to the towns, and I recommend that this town avail itself of the provisions of the statutes to petition the county commissioners for the establishment of such a school.

During the winter term storms have been of frequent occurrence, causing the adjournment of the schools for several days.

I would suggest that some method be adopted of notifying the school children when the schools are to be closed on account of bad weather. This could be done, as in many other towns, by bringing into service the church bells and the factory whistles.

GRADES OF SCHOOLS.

High School	1
Grammar	3
Intermediate	2
Primary	5
Mixed	4
	15

HIGH SCHOOL.

At the close of the last school year, a class of twelve, composed of the following members, was graduated from this school. The record of their recitations and examinations showed a commendable degree of proficiency in the branches pursued.

Annie W. Edson,
Nellie M. Edson,
Flora A. Luzarder,
L. Rena McLauthlin,
Maria L. Nutter,
Bertha Paine,
Mary F. Rogers,
Sadie M. Scribner,
Mary E. Worcester,
Harry N. Keith,
Howard G. Kingman,
Geo. V. McLauthlin.

At the annual examination of candidates for admission to the school forty-one pupils were present. Of these only four obtained the average of seventy-five per cent required for unconditional admission. Eight others reached an average between sixty-five and seventy-five per cent, and were admitted on probation.

Although all the grammar and mixed schools were represented at this examination, the successful candidates were from the Elmwood and Central Grammar schools only.

The failure of so many pupils to pass the examination for the High School leads to the conclusion that the standard of admission is too high, or that the work of preparation in the lower schools is inadequately performed.

That the standard is too high cannot be maintained, when it is considered that not one of the common branches is finished in the lower schools, and that the completion of those branches occupies nearly the whole of the first year in the High School.

The aim should be rather to raise the standard of admission, but this can be effected only by bringing the lower schools to a higher state of efficiency.

To give better advantages to some of the older pupils who had failed to pass the examination, it was decided to form a preparatory class, to be placed in the High School, there to review the studies of the last year of the grammar course. This, it was thought, could be done without much detriment to the school, as the classes pursuing the regular course were unusually small.

The present membership of the school is as follows: —

Senior Class	5
Sub-Senior	8
Middle	3
Junior	10
Preparatory	10

Of late years, there has been a gradual falling-off in the membership of the school, until the number of pupils now pursuing the regular course is but twenty-six, the smallest yet reached.

This number, however, is as large a per cent of the whole number of pupils enrolled as is usually found in the high schools of other towns.

The appropriation for this school should be sufficient to secure the services of a competent teacher as principal, and those of an assistant, if needed. Should the membership, however, continue as small as at present, the services of an assistant might be dispensed with.

The labor of the principal could be lightened by changing the course of study. Some of the prescribed studies are of little use to the majority of the pupils. These could be made elective, thus reducing the number of daily recitations. This change should be made before the beginning of another school year, whether the school be large or small.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The Central Grammar School may be regarded as the most important of all our schools, inasmuch as more than half of all the children in town pass through it either to finish what school instruction they receive, or to prepare for admission to the High School.

For the successful government and instruction of a school of the size and character of this, the services of an experienced male teacher are required.

Under its present teacher the school is making good progress. The instruction given is rendered attractive to the pupils in both matter and manner. While the results of the methods employed here cannot be so readily measured as

those obtained by the old system of rote learning, the evidences of substantial progress in the right direction are quite apparent.

We cannot expect that a teacher of proved ability will remain long in this school at the salary now paid, which gives an average of but $8 per week for the whole year. The salary should be raised to $500 at least.

The Beaver Grammar School has continued throughout the year in charge of a capable teacher, and the results are most satisfactory.

The Elmwood School has suffered from a change of teachers made at the beginning of the fall term. Although the present teacher has labored faithfully, the result has not been all that was desired. The scholars deserve praise for their constant attendance. The recent examination of the first class showed a marked improvement in some of the branches.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Of these two schools, little need be said except that they have continued to do well their prescribed work, a fact well attested by the excellent examinations passed by the pupils sent from them into the Central Grammar School at the beginning of the present school year.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

In no other department of school instruction is the tendency towards correct methods more marked than in the training of children in the first steps of their course. Indeed, there would seem to be an almost complete reversal of methods.

Pupils are no longer compelled to dwell weeks, or perhaps months, on spelling, before they can read the simplest lessons, but are taught to read at sight by grasping words as a whole.

Spelling is made easy by first teaching the sounds of letters, so that hundreds of words can be formed without effort.

Instead of committing the multiplication table to memory, children acquire a knowledge of numbers by their application to objects which they can see and touch.

The slate and pencil are kept in constant use and made instrumental in teaching penmanship, drawing and language, the last of which studies was once left until the last years of the school course and then rendered dry and distasteful by the exclusive use of the text-book.

The guiding principle of a good primary teacher is not to tax the memories of her pupils in the attempt to store them with a multitude of facts, but to train them to habits of observation and reflection that they may acquire a knowledge of *principles*. The faculties of the children being thus naturally developed, school work becomes a pleasure, and rapid progress is made.

Happily the position of the primary teachers is now regarded as the most responsible of all. It cannot be filled by a tyro in the art of teaching, but its occupant must be one who has made a study of the minds of her pupils and whose scholarship embraces the whole range of common school studies.

Impressed with the conviction that any substantial improvement in our school system must be founded upon thorough training in the primary schools, I have given these schools special attention, observing carefully the methods of instruction and noting results.

My conclusion is that these schools are in a condition which speaks well for the intelligence and faithfulness of their teachers, all of whom have had a long experience.

We may congratulate ourselves that the elementary training of our children is in such good hands.

How to make the progress of these schools commensurate with that of the graded ones is a problem very difficult of solution.

Composed of pupils of the primary, intermediate, and grammar grades, the number of classes in them is necessarily large, and the daily recitations correspondingly frequent.

Each pupil can receive but little of the personal attention of the teacher, who is forced to pass rapidly from one exercise to another, in order to accomplish her daily task. Her work in the school-room makes great demands upon her strength; but in addition to this, she must devote much of her time out of school hours to the preparation and arrangement of lessons, in order that her pupils may be kept constantly busy and no time be lost.

Experienced teachers recognize the greater labor involved in the successful management of these schools, and cannot easily be induced to take charge of them unless the pay be in proportion to the work required.

More attention should be given to the support and supervision of these schools. They should not be intrusted to the care of inferior teachers. By their location, they are necessarily debarred from some of the benefits enjoyed by the graded schools, but this should be regarded as a claim upon our efforts to give them the best advantages possible under the circumstances.

As some relief to these schools, and to give the more advanced pupils better opportunities for instruction, I would recommend that when their pupils reach the last year of the grammar course, they be given the option of attending the Central Grammar School.

In closing this review of the past year's history of our

chools, I see nothing that should discourage us in our future efforts for their advancement. A continued prosecution of those efforts in the direction already taken must be rewarded another year by a greater gain in the quality and quantity of the instruction imparted.

The great object for which the public schools are instituted should be kept steadily in mind: namely, to secure to every child such a training as will fit him for the practical duties of life. To this end the plan of studies should provide for a thorough preparation in those essentials which go to make up a good education in the *common branches*.

Let us not attempt to teach our children many things, but to make them masters of a few.

There is wisdom in the following words of Edward Everett; though, had they been uttered by one of less authority, they would be scouted by some of the educators of the present day: —

"To read the English language well, to write with dispatch a neat and legible hand, and to be master of the first four rules of arithmetic, so as to dispose at once with accuracy of every question of figures that comes up in practice, I call this a good education; and if you add the ability to write pure grammatical English, I regard it as an excellent education."

E. W. NUTTER,
Superintendent.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Appropriation	$5,500 00
Received from State treasurer	199 81
" " county treasurer	215 62
" " town of West Bridgewater	115 83
Amount available	$6,031 26

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHING.

Wyman C. Fickett, High School	$1,045 00
Jenny E. Chandler, High School	206 00
Florence M. Cross, High School	191 26
Ellen M. Buttomer, Central Grammar	182 00
Fred H. Wight, Central Grammar	232 80
Ann W. Harden, Centre Intermediate	316 80
Hattie F. Whitmarsh, West Intermediate	296 00
Agnes A. Voigt, West Primary	293 60
Mattie E. Meservey, East Primary	95 10
Eva Brett, East Primary	17 50
Cora J. Ripley, East Primary	70 80
Lottie R. Edson, North Primary	111 60
Ellen M. Bottomer, North Primary	151 40
Cora J. Ripley, North Primary	28 00

Alva B. Whitney, Beaver Grammar	$316 00
Hattie C. Sampson, Beaver Grammar	48 00
Lura J. Burrell, Beaver Primary	263 20
Carrie B. Dennis, Elmwood Grammar	35 00
Charlotte L. Voigt, Elmwood Grammar	84 00
Annie S. Clifford, Elmwood Grammar	194 00
Agnes I. Watson, Elmwood Primary	133 00
Fannie M. Gurney, Elmwood Primary	135 80
Agnes K. Littlefield, Eastville	199 40
Hattie H. Spofford, Eastville	54 40
Mary Worcester, Eastville	18 00
Lydia J. Chamberlain, Northville	119 00
Charlotte B. Harden, Northville	27 20
Caroline O. Nutter, Northville	62 40
Gertrude A. Fuller, Northville	76 00
Bertha I. Mason, Curtisville	263 20
Mary J. Whitmarsh, Satucket	42 00
Hattie C. Sampson, Satucket	221 20
Town of South Abington	8 45
Total	$5,538 11

The school year begins in September, so that the above sums cover a part of the last school year.

CARE OF HOUSES.

Wyman C. Fickett	$20 00
Mrs. Kate Barrett	70 75
Charles Porter	4 00
Mattie L. Meservey	3 00
Cora J. Ripley	3 00
Lottie R. Edson	6 00
Owen Maguire, Jr.	3 00
Mrs. M. Hennessey	24 67

James K. Brett	$9 00
Albert B. Edson	9 00
Alice M. Whitman	14 00
Manly Whitman	4 00
Florence Dunbar	6 00
Fred Soper	3 00
Charles W. Waterman	3 00
Bertha I. Mason	6 00
Alonzo Pratt	6 00
Lydia J. Chamberlain	3 00
Ira F. Porter	3 00
Arthur C. Churchill	3 00
Frank Donelly	2 75
Nellie C. Wade	3 00
Elijah Bird	3 00
Cora Bird	3 00
Mrs. Kate Barrett, cleaning	12 57
Mrs. Chandler Hodgson, "	3 00
Mrs. Mary Evans, "	6 00
Mrs. M. Hennessey, "	2 63
Mrs. Geo. Sites, "	6 50
Bertha I. Mason, "	2 50
Mrs. Walter Hathaway, "	4 00
Mrs. Eliza Wade, "	3 00
Total	$255 37

FUEL.

John Hobart, coal	$14 25
A. L. Alger, "	257 86
Joshua Dean, "	14 00
Herbert C. Keith, wood and labor	54 62
David W. Gurney, wood	12 00
Joseph E. Bisbee, "	5 65

Jehuil B. Harden, wood	$4 00
Joseph T. Hathaway, wood	2 00
Noah A. Washburn, wood	2 00
J. W. Richards, kindling, etc.	3 30
Edwin Ford, shavings	1 50
Ira F. Porter, labor	1 00
Eliphalet Davenport, labor	1 95
Ernest Lindsay, labor	6 00
Elmer Whitman, labor	2 00
Frank Donelly, labor	2 00
Martin Sumner, labor	5 00
Levi W. Noyes, labor	4 80
Total	$393 93

RECAPITULATION.

Amount available for school purposes		$6,031 26
Paid for teaching	$5,538 11	
Paid for care of houses	255 37	
Paid for fuel	393 93	
	$6,187 41	
Excess of expenditures	156 15	
		$6,187 41

INCIDENTALS.

E. W. Nutter, paid for advertising, etc.	$2 47
L. J. Voigt, filling diplomas	2 00
Boston Journal, advertising for teachers	6 88
Hall & Whiting, ink, etc.	5 75
J. M. Whitman, cleaning clock, etc.	2 15
Isadus Fuller, bookcase	9 25
Alfred Griffin, teams	20 00
Daniel Hines, chairs, etc.	12 40
E. W. Nutter, taking school census	15 00

C. W. Clark, gong bell	$3 25
C. E. House, letter file	2 25
Winkley, Thorp & Dresser, crayons, etc.	12 50
F. E. Stuart, settees	23 20
J. H. Potter, cleaning clock	1 00
O. C. Railroad Co., freight	1 92
Alger & Co., express	8 05
Hopkinson & Marden, mats, etc.	15 30
I. N. Nutter, books, etc.	41 56
William Allen, cabinet	10 00
Gammons & Nutter, brooms, etc.	14 15
John Eastman, grading	4 50
J. B. Harden, grading, etc.	4 00
Edwin Hayward, cleaning wells	3 00
Ezra Kingman, grading, etc.	10 50
E. W. Nutter, books, etc.	32 99
J. Burrell, printing	18 55
Isadus Fuller, labor	2 50
J. E. Davenport, labor	2 00
J. L. Hammett, paper	2 25
Total	$289 37
Unexpended balance	10 63
Appropriation	$300 00

BOOKS AND MATERIALS.

Wm. Ware & Co., readers	$18 58
E. W. Nutter, readers	8 00
J. Burrill, table and blocks	3 00
Harlow Harden, tables	19 50
Total	$49 08
Unexpended balance	92
Appropriation	$50 00

REPAIRS.

J. L. Seaver, outbuildings, etc., N. Primary .	$140 42
M. S. Curtis, painting, N. Primary . . .	75 20
S. L. Seaver, repairs, E. Primary . . .	17 51
M. S. Curtis, painting, E. Primary . . .	25 20
S. L. Seaver, fence, W. Primary . . .	61 23
M. S. Curtis, painting fence, etc., W. Primary,	40 50
S. L. Seaver, outbuildings and shingling, Northville	84 92
G. C. Allen, shingles, etc., Northville . .	39 20
M. S. Curtis, painting, Northville . . .	38 11
J. M. Whiting, vault	10 25
S. L. Seaver, outbuildings, etc., Elmwood .	153 00
R. T. Brett, vault, Elmwood	19 25
M. S. Curtis, painting, Elmwood . . .	9 63
M. S. Curtis, painting walls, H. S. Building .	56 68
Charles Hatch, digging well, etc. . . .	66 55
Gammons & Nutter, stoves, pumps, etc. . .	105 97
J. L. Hammett, slating	21 00
G. C. Allen, cement	11 45
S. L. Seaver, labor	29 65
M. S. Curtis, labor	7 98
S. R. Newhall, labor	14 42
R. T. Brett, labor	1 75
Daniel Geary, labor	2 00
J. M. Whiting, labor, etc.	21 98
Harlow Harden, labor, etc.	7 86
	$1,061 71

From this amount should be deducted the estimated value of the furnace, which by an arrangement with the Overseers of the Poor, was taken from the High School building for use at the almshouse	$75 00
Amount expended	$986 71
Unexpended balance	113 29
Appropriation	$1,100 00
In addition to the above an order was drawn to pay insurance on the High School building, to the amount of	$60 00
Amount available for all school purposes . .	$7,481 26
Excess of expenditures	91 31
Total amount of expenditures	$7,572 57

For the School Committee,

E. W. NUTTER, *Treasurer.*

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FROM

FEB. 1 TO DEC. 31, 1884.

ELEVEN MONTHS.

BY VOTE OF THE TOWN THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDS DEC. 31.

BOSTON:
ALFRED MUDGE & SON, PRINTERS,
No. 24 Franklin Street.
1885.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1884.

Town Clerk.

FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer.

ISAAC N. NUTTER.

Collector.

FRANK SMITH.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

HENRY GURNEY. ELIAB LATHAM. GEORGE M. KEITH.

Auditors.

ROBERT YOUNG. N. FRANK DUNPHE. HERBERT L. WATERMAN.

School Committee.

EDMUND W. NUTTER. PERLEY M. GRIFFIN. EZRA KINGMAN.

Constables.

FRANKLIN W. FRENCH. CHARLES L. JONES. EDWARD E. EDSON.
T. S. H. ROUNSEVILLE. SAMUEL LUZARDER. BENJAMIN SIDDALL.

Road Commissioners.

SAMUEL KEITH. MARK P. HUDSON. JOHN LANE.

Fence Viewers.

A. HARRIS LATHAM. HENRY GURNEY.

Measurers of Wood.

HARRISON W. WHITE. H. L. WATERMAN.

Weighers of Coal.

SAMUEL E. KEITH. GEORGE ALLEN. WILLIAM O. SHELDON.
H. L. WATERMAN.

Surveyor of Lumber.

SAMUEL L. SEAVER.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ROBERT YOUNG.

Sexton.

MELVIN L. WEBBER.

Special Police.

JOHN S. SOPER.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1884.

For support of schools	$5,600 00	
School incidentals	300 00	
Repairs of Elmwood Schoolhouse	350 00	
Repairs of other school property	300 00	
School books	350 00	
		$6,900 00
Highways	$3,000 00	
Bridges and culverts	500 00	
Sidewalks	500 00	
Removal of snow	200 00	
		4,200 00
Town officers and committees	$1,200 00	
Support of poor	3,000 00	
Suppression of crime	200 00	
Decoration of soldiers' graves	100 00	
Abatement of taxes	125 00	
Incidental expenses	600 00	
Public library	500 00	
		5,725 00
		$16,825 00

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

EXPENDITURES.

MILITARY AID, CHAP. 301.

Paid Jane R. Bancroft	$44 00	
Harriet B. Bates	44 00	
Sarah B. Gould	44 00	
Betsey A. Hale	44 00	
Lydia A. Hale	12 00	
Mary Hudson	44 00	
Sarah C. Hudson	44 00	
Mary S. Ripley	44 00	
Hannah R. Stanley	28 00	
Thankful O. Trow	44 00	
Caroline Williams	44 00	
Bradford Little	6 00	
		$442 00
Due from State		$442 00

CHAP. 252.

Paid Ferender C. Negus	$28 00	
William S. Sampson	34 00	

Paid Selden M. Washburn	$66 00	
Joseph M. Whitman	40 00	
Charles Wright	124 00	
		$292 00
One half due from State	$146 00	
Paid by South Abington	10 13	
		156 13
No appropriation.		$135 87

MILITARY BOUNTIES.

Paid James G. Johnson	$125 00	
George A. Edson	125 00	
William H. French	125 00	
Henry A. Osborne	125 00	
James H. Sampson	125 00	
Lydia A. Magoon	125 00	
C. H. and F. W. McCarter	125 00	
Rachel Underwood	125 00	
Elihu T. Ellis	125 00	
		$1,125 00
One fifteenth paid by South Abington		$75 00
Voted to be paid from money in treasury		$1,075 00

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid Minot S. Curtis, quartermaster, Post 124 G. A. R.	$100 00
Appropriation	$100 00

SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Paid T. S. H. Rounseville, police duty	$5 00
Charles L. Jones, police duty,	3 00

Paid Edward E. Edson, police duty	$2 00	
Franklin W. French, " "	1 00	
Benjamin Siddall, " "	90 00	
Wm. H. Osborne, counsel .	35 63	
		$136 63
Appropriation		200 00
Unexpended		$63 37

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

We have drawn orders on bills approved by the Committee, amounting to . . .	$463 23
Appropriation	500 00
Unexpended	$36 77

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid E. S. Whitmarsh, auditor, 1883 . .		$10 00
G. C. Allen, " " . .		5 00
I. N. Keith, " " . .		5 00
H. L. Waterman, " 1884 . .		5 00
R. A. Littlefield, " " . .		5 00
N. F. Dunphe, " " . .		5 00
L. W. Richards, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor		39 75
James S. Allen, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor		6 25
Eliab Latham, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor .	$79 00	
Eliab Latham, horse and railroad fare	9 00	
		88 00

Paid George M. Keith, moderator .	$5 00	
George M. Keith, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor .	52 00	
		$57 50
Henry Gurney, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor .	$178 75	
Henry Gurney, horse and railroad fare	16 13	
		194 88
Melvin L. Webber, teams for school committee . .	$19 75	
Alfred Griffin, teams for school committee	29 75	
Ezra Kingman, teams for school committee . .	7 75	
		57 25
Ezra Kingman, school committee . .		53 00
P. M. Griffin, school committee . .		68 75
E. W. Nutter, school committee	$30 00	
E. W. Nutter, supt. of schools	253 33	
E. W. Nutter, building committee	10 00	
		293 33
F. S. Strong, building committee		7 00
I. N. Nutter, treasurer		100 00
M. L. Webber, sexton		30 00
Benjamin Siddall, constable . . .		12 00
C. L. Jones, " . . .		3 00
R. O. Harris, registrar		12 50
Amos Hunting, "		10 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, "		12 50

Paid Frank Smith, registrar	$24 90	
Frank Smith, town clerk	69 00	
Frank Smith, collector	141 00	
		$234 90
		$1,315 61
Appropriation		1,200 00
Overdrawn		$115 61

HIGHWAY BRIDGES, ETC.

Paid Samuel Keith, road commissioner	$3,785 05
Appropriation	4,200 00
Unexpended	414 95

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Alfred Mudge & Son, printing report	$109 00
T. S. H. Rounseville, dinners, county commissioners	2 10
Gammons & Nutter, keys	50
S. L. Seaver, repairing record case, etc.	60
M. S. Curtis, painting " "	7 39
J. S. Allen, record book, and advertising	13 88
Geo. M. Keith, advertising	6 50
H. C. Keith, plank	3 50
B. W. Keith, postal cards	11 00
J. Burrell, printing	8 55
Town of South Abington, tax	22 83
Alger's Express	2 05
I. N. Nutter, stationery, postage, etc.	8 46
I. N. Nutter, office rent	45 83
E. S. Davenport, work on cemetery	1 50
Wm. H. Tobey, return of deaths	75

Paid Loring Holbrook, returns of deaths	$3 00
McCann Bros., " " "	75
C. W. Siddall, repairs	2 30
H. Gurney, postage and stationery	5 57
	$256 06
Appropriation	600 00
Unexpended	$343 94

NEW SCHOOLHOUSE AT BEAVER.

We have paid as approved by the Building Committee as follows: —

Waldo Hayward	$125 00	
John M Whiting	178 72	
A. A. Dunbar	74 80	
E. S. Whitmarsh	5 75	
George S. Young	2 50	
Francis Hayward	128 13	
Jeremiah Mahoney	8 25	
Thomas Keith	4 25	
A. S. Lyon	1,000 00	
		$1,527 40
Hired by Town Treasurer		$1,527 40

SECURITY AGAINST FIRE.

In carrying out the vote of the town in regard to wells, we unexpectedly struck a ledge of rock in the Elmwood well which has increased the cost of that well many times above the estimate. It is over thirty feet deep, and although not what we wished, there is a good supply of water.

We think the well at the village will furnish all the water required.

The granite troughs placed at the wells are first-class. After hearing the criticisms in regard to the troughs placed on Plymouth Street, where we were compelled on account of means to get cheap ones or none, we preferred to get those about which there could be no question.

On account of expending so much more than we intended, it was thought best to get pumps of a cheaper kind, but they are not altogether satisfactory.

We have placed a street light at the well in the village, and also one near the Hook and Ladder house. Forty-eight rubber buckets were procured, forty of these are at Elmwood and eight at the village; also two axes at each place. As there was no available place to put a hook and ladder truck, or to house ladders, we have not purchased any.

If you see fit to make an appropriation for that purpose, a house can be built and a truck procured.

Cost of Elmwood well, trough, and pump	$349 30
" Village " " "	334 21
Buckets, lights, etc.	77 57
Total	$761 08

The payments are as follows: —

F. M. Fisher	$70 00
Charles E. Planch	8 25
John Curley	33 75
George L. Chamberlain	88 50
Henry Gurney	148 75
James B. Grover	13 50
G. C. Allen	9 41
J. E. Noyes	6 25
Alfred Griffin	2 25
David Tower	3 00

Tim Murphy	$2 25
M. Hooper & Co.	51 00
J. M. Loncraft	14 40
G. A. Goodwin	2 50
F. H. Snow	150 00
Carver Cotton Gin Company	5 50
American Rubber Company	60 00
Jones, McDuffee & Stratton	11 50
H. R. Mallory	2 02
C. H. Jones & Co.	2 00
Wm. F. Keene	3 88
Rogers & Sheldon	38 50
L. F. Gammons	26 80
J. Breck & Sons	3 92
Alger's Express	1 15
S. L. Seaver	2 00
	$761 08

Borrowed by treasurer	$759 08	
Paid from treasury	2 00	
		$761 08

TRUST FUNDS.

LATHAM FUND.

William Latham, Esq., deposited in the East Bridgewater Savings Bank, April, 1877, $500; the interest to be used by the selectmen for care of drinking fountains and shade trees upon Plymouth Street. Expended prior to Feb. 1, 1884, $95.65.

Expended in 1884, as follows: —

Paid F. H. Snow, two granite troughs	$75 00
H. Gurney, carting same	5 00

Paid F. L. Gammons, pump		$8 05
Isaac Keith, repairing pump, etc.		6 50
		$94 55
Present amount of fund		$509 89

ALDEN FUND.

The Reverend Lucius Alden left to the town of East Bridgewater the following bequest: —

"I give and bequeath to the inhabitants of the town of East Bridgewater, the place of my nativity and early education, a tract of woodland containing about one hundred acres, more or less, . . . in trust, nevertheless, for the purpose of aiding with a supply of fuel, needy and deserving persons, inhabitants of said town for the time being, and not legally paupers; under a Divine Providence in circumstances rendering charitable aid desirable and necessary. Said bequest to be under the supervision and care of the selectmen of said town for the time being; who shall use their judgment and discretion in dispensing aid to applicants for the benefit of said bequest, the quantity of fuel taken from the premises from time to time not to exceed, by a fair estimate, the increase of wood on the premises by growth."

In executing the above trust we have sold the wood standing on about fifteen acres of the said land at public auction for the sum of $1,431 50

EXPENSE OF SALE.

Paid W. P. Corthell, running lines	$5 00	
H. Gurney, " "	6 25	
E. Latham, " "	4 50	
E. Bridgman, printing	1 50	
T. E. Gifford, auctioneer	5 00	$22 25

We hold notes of purchasers on interest for	$1,094 50
Cash received	337 00

The purchase money will form a fund, the income of which may be used under the direction of the selectmen, in carrying out the provisions of the trust.

Richard S. Higgins has applied for aid under the above provisions, and has been aided to the amount of $11.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN.

State aid, Chap. 301	$442 00
" " " 252	292 00
Military bounties	1,125 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves	100 00
Suppression of crime	136 63
Public Library	463 23
Town officers and committees	1,315 61
Highways, bridges, etc.	3,785 05
Incidental expenses	256 06
New schoolhouse	1,527 60
Security against fire	761 08
Abatement of taxes	138 24
Almshouse	1,430 90
Poor out of almshouse	1,895 23
	$13,668 43

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

The account with the estate of James Brown remains as at last report.

Bailey W. Geary claims damage for injuries said to have

been received for want of a railing upon the Thatcher Road, so called, in August last.

The treasurer hired, by vote of the town, to pay upon the new schoolhouse and security against fire	$2,286 48

ASSETS.

Due from State, State aid paid, Chap. 301 .	$442 00
" " " " Chap. 252 . . .	146 00
" " collector	14 53
Cash in treasury	2,165 55
Due from Marlboro, aid Marcus Temple . .	1 00

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

VALUATION FOR 1884.

Personal estate		$435,100 00
Real estate		1,052,940 00
Total		$1,488,040 00

Rate of taxation, $11.50 per $1,000.
Polls, $1.00 State; $1.00 county; $2.00 each.

State tax	$1,860 00	
County tax	1,497 33	
Town grant	16,825 00	
Overlay	530 13	
		$20,712 46
Deduct 800 polls, $2.00 each	$1,600 00	
Estimates from State	2,000 00	
		3,600 00
Tax on estates		$17,112 46
Tax on $1,488,040.00 at $11.50		17,112 46
" " eight hundred polls, at $2.00		1,600 00
Subsequently assessed on real estate		4 60
" " " 14 polls		28 00
Gain by fractions		1 71
Total commitment		18,746 77

Dwellings taxed, 594.
Horses taxed, 364.
Cows taxed, 323.
Sheep taxed, 18.

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Frank Smith, collector tax 1883	$4 00	
Lucy A. Farmer, excess	5 35	
E. S. Fletcher, not taxable	9 20	
Bathshuar Keith, heirs of, not taxable	4 60	
Mt. Hope Iron Company, over-tax	5 15	
H. L. Waterman, not taxable	92	
F. O. Keith, not taxable	92	
A. S. Brett, paid in Yarmouth	2 00	
Wm. V. West, not taxable	8 05	
Frank Smith, collector tax 1884	97 45	
		$138 24
Appropriation		125 00
Overdrawn		$13 24

LIST OF ABATEMENTS.

John Shepherd, unable to pay tax, 1883	$2 00
Albert Bates, " " " "	2 00
Lewis D. Bates, Jr., left town, tax 1884	2 81
Calvin Chamberlain, left town	2 00
John Connelly, unable to pay	2 00
Michael Coedy, residence unknown	2 00
Stetson Chandler, unable to pay	2 00
William M. Dow, left town	2 46
Presley Foster, residence unknown	2 00
Alonzo S. Hathaway, unable to pay	2 00
David S. Gurney, unable to pay	14 08
Charles W. Howes, unknown	2 00
Frank Hudson, left town	2 00
Christopher Monahan, left town	2 00

Henry G. McWilliams, residence unknown	$2 00
John Marley, " "	2 00
John D. Mason, heirs of, unable to pay	9 20
George Ramsey, unknown	2 00
Carl J. Johnson, unknown	2 00
Ernest W. Lindsey, left town	3 15
Eben Lothrop, "	2 00
John T. Reardon, residence unknown	2 00
Michael Reardon, deceased	2 00
Cornelius Stahan, unknown	2 00
Joseph Shaw, heirs of, unable to pay	5 29
James Sheey, unknown	2 00
Frederick Timms, left town	2 00
Arthur Tillinghast, residence unknown	2 00
Loring S. Turner, taxed in Brockton	2 00
Isaac F. Wade, unable to pay	2 00
Joseph M. Whitman, " "	2 00
Leonard F. Barry, not taxable	2 00
Marcellus Boynton, residence unknown	2 00
William F. Farrington, residence in Maine	2 00
Daniel Hines, taxed in South Abington	2 00
Henry C. Macauley, left town	2 00
Bethuel Adams, paid in Wareham	2 00
Charles E. Jordan, paid in Boston	2 00
Maurice Carroll, excess	46
	$101 45

DEPARTMENTS OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Paid Amos Hunting, supplies	$261 54
G. C. Allen, grain	188 66
H. W. Sears, warden	425 00
Dr. A. Millet, physician	50 00
A. L. Alger, coal	95 62
John Hobart, coal	14 58
E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr., clothing	25 75
Benjamin Ward, meat	47 03
Gammons & Nutter	40 65
L. F. Gammons	12 73
I. N. Nutter	23 84
Cash for use of house	50 00
" " oxen	130 00
" " horse	50 00
L. Holbrook & Son, coffin, etc.	12 00
Burial of Susanna Hayden	3 50
	$1,430 90
Less cash paid treasurer	120 00
	$1,310 90

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT.

1884. *Dr.*

Cash on hand Feb. 1	$7 29	
Hay sold	88 84	

Stock sold		$229 15	
Produce sold		35 39	
Labor		177 57	
Cash from treasurer	$230 00		
Less cash paid in	120 00		
		110 00	
			$648 24

1884. *Cr.*

Paid for labor	$212 00	
" stock	202 50	
" meat and fish	85 72	
" repairs and tools	59 50	
" clothing	14 70	
" ice	6 20	
" baker	6 33	
" sundries	16 53	
" hired help	7 47	
Cash on hand	37 29	
		$648 24

Total number of inmates during the year	8
Present number	7
Average number	6.42
Tramps lodged and fed	40
Average cost per week	$4.20+

POOR OUT OF HOUSE.

Paid Town o Duxbury, aid to Edna F. Wade, 1883	$25 00
" " South Abington, aid to Asa W. Whitman, 1883	1 00
" " Hanson, aid to E. Worthington,	14 00
" " Abington, aid to Abbie Rumsey,	62 00
City " Brockton, aid to Mrs. A. L. Soule,	3 00
" " Lowell, aid to Catharine Quinn,	25 50

Paid City of Lynn, aid to Conner's children		$157 25
Town of Natick, aid to Hatch family		209 44
" " Weymouth, aid to O'Brien Quigley	$40 40	
Amos Hunting, aid to O'Brien Quigley	35 00	
I. N. Nutter, aid to O'Brien Quigley	6 25	
		81 65
Mrs. A. A. Harding, aid for child	$28 00	
Mrs. N. G. Bates, board for child	16 00	
		44 00
G. C. Allen, aid to J. M. Whitman		1 00
N. K. Richardson, board of Mrs. Sally Packard		96 00
Joshua Dean, coal for Mrs. Dugan		9 75
W. H. Jefferson, wood, for Mrs. H. A. Washburn	$1 00	
Amos Hunting, aid to Mrs. H. A. Washburn	18 71	
		19 71
Amos Hunting, aid to Mrs. W. U. Brett and family		120 00
Amos Hunting, aid to Mrs. S. R. Frost and family		105 01
Amos Hunting, aid to J. H. Chadwick		60 07
Amos Hunting aid to Mrs. Cummings	$7 44	
H. Gurney, wood for Mrs. Cummings	12 25	

Paid M. Sumner, sawing wood, Mrs. Cummings	$3 75	
G. W. Merrill, meat for Mrs. Cummings	2 48	
		$25 92
J. S. Allen, aid for Mrs. J. L. Coulter	$18 00	
Geo. M. Keith, aid for Mrs. J. L. Coulter	16 50	
Huram Wade, aid for Mrs. J. L. Coulter	32 00	
S. M. Brewster, aid for Mrs. J. L. Coulter	7 75	
G. H. Jameson, aid for Mrs. J. L. Coulter	1 25	
Beals & Wilder, aid for Mrs. J. L. Coulter	95	
G. N. Holmes & Co., aid for Mrs. J. L. Coulter	2 25	
City of Brockton, aid for Mrs. J. L. Coulter	3 75	
		82 45

TAUNTON LUNATIC HOSPITAL.

Support of Nathaniel S. Bouldry	181 45
" " Robert Washburn	89 99
" " Clara Washburn	188 94
" " Catharine Rogers	139 73
" " Mehitabel Milliken	105 32
Dr. Millet, aid to Miss Ruth Torrey, belongs to South Abington	3 00
E. W. Noyes, aid to Mrs. Baker and children, belong to Rochester	18 55

S. D. Shaw, aid to Marcus Temple,	$22 00	
S. Harlow, aid to Marcus Temple,	2 50	
J. W. Richards, aid to Marcus Temple, belongs to Marlboro . .	1 00	
		$25 50
		$1,895 23

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Received of Dr. Millet, guardian of Mrs. Milliken . . .	$105 32	
" of town of Bridgewater, 1883	1 82	
" of town of Rochester, 1883 and 1884	41 16	
Received of town of South Abington .	3 00	
" " " Marlboro . .	24 50	
		175 80
Net expenses out of house		$1,719 43
Due from Marlboro	$1 00	
Net expenses at almshouse		1,310 90
		$3,030 33
Appropriation		3,000 00
Overdrawn		$30 33

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

Overseers of the Poor:

Gentlemen, — It becomes my duty again to express to you my opinion of the poor; and perhaps, to suggest anything that may be done to improve their condition, and render the almshouse better adapted to the wants of those who through disease, or feebleness of body or mind, are compelled to reside there.

We have now in the almshouse, three men and four women. Two of the men, Mr. Eaton and Mr. Wright, have been there for years, and are growing more feeble and demand more care. The other man, Robert Washburn, who was taken from the Taunton Lunatic Hospital, is for the most part quiet and easily managed. But at times he is boisterous and has to be confined to his room.

The constant presence of the old inmates, one of whom is always complaining, and constantly trying to have an altercation with some one, acts unfavorably upon Robert, and prevents the chance he might have for improvement under better circumstances.

The females in the house are the same as last year, with the addition of Mrs. Cummings who was admitted last summer, being too feeble to support herself any longer. Since she came to the almshouse she has improved in health and is now of some use in helping to care for others. Mrs. Dunn is in good bodily health and works constantly in the kitchen. The other two are in nearly the same condition as last year. There is little hope of any improvement for them.

One other inmate we have had for a short time the past summer, Mr. George Jenkins, who came April 20, and left Aug. 16, since which time we have no report of his residence.

In the Taunton Lunatic Asylum we have, at present, three persons: Nathaniel Bouldry, Mrs. Catharine Rogers, and Clara Washburn.

Mr. Bouldry has long been an inmate there, and is for the greater part of the time quiet and manageable and able to do a good deal of work. Were we better situated at the almshouse, — if we had fewer insane, and proper means to restrain any who might be occasionally unruly, — Mr. Bouldry might be kept here with as much comfort to himself and perhaps less expense to the town.

Mrs. Rogers and Miss Washburn are too violent to be cared for in any place except a hospital, for the present; and I can see but little hope for them in the future.

We need at the almshouse one or two strong rooms where an insane person could be locked up and kept with safety during a season of unusual excitement, to which all are more or less subject. Our lock-up is not a suitable place for such use. Such rooms should be as comfortable as any in the house, without the character of a lock-up. There are some other conveniences which have before been recommended which I hope you will not overlook.

I cannot close this report about the poor without expressing my appreciation of the constant and faithful labors of the warden and matron. Few persons who have not seen, can appreciate the untiring care and toil that such a position demands. And in this case I can say, without fear of any counter report, that I have never for one moment seen any disposition on the part of the present warden and matron to avoid labor, or evade the responsibilities of their position.

Respectfully submitted,

ASA MILLET.

LIST OF JURORS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Granville C. Allen.	Nathan M. Pool.
Irving Bates.	F. Wilson Porter.
Wellington Caldwell.	David Pratt.
Jarvis Burrel.	William B. Ripley.
Edward E. Edson.	Ezra F. Sampson.
Henry Edson.	Kimball E. Sheldon.
William Edson.	George E. Skillings.
Luther Harden.	William H. Taylor.
Francis Hayward.	Charles Thrasher.
Abbott T. Hewett.	Benjamin Ward.
George B. Howland.	Samuel C. White.
Samuel Keith.	John M. Whiting.
Simeon C. Keith.	Eleazer Whitman.
George T. Mitchell.	Ebenezer Whitmarsh.
Isaac N. Nutter.	Charles W. Wixon.
Howard Paine.	George A. Wright.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

HENRY GURNEY,
ELIAB LATHAM,
GEORGE M. KEITH,
Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

PLYMOUTH, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of East Bridgewater, in the County of Plymouth, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Masachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of East Bridgewater, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said town, on Monday the ninth day of March next, at 1 P. M., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit: —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the reports of town officers and committees.

ART. 3. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Sects. 64 to 69 of Chap. 27 of Public Statutes, in regard to selectmen.

ART. 4. To choose all necessary town officers.

ART. 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to pay all town charges.

ART. 6. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 7. To adopt some method for the collection of taxes.

ART. 8. To see if the town will authorize their collector of taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

Art. 9. To act on a list of jurors proposed by the selectmen.

Art. 10. To see if the town will build a hook and ladder house at Elmwood, and purchase additional apparatus.

Art. 11. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

Art. 12. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to sell and convey the land formerly belonging to the East Primary School District to the East Bridgewater Cemetery Association.

Art. 13. To see what action the town will take in relation to the claim of Bailey W. Geary for damage sustained by him upon the Thatcher road (so called).

Art. 14. To act upon any business which may come before them.

Art. 15. To see if the town will build a lock-up (by request).

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up a copy thereof at the post-offices, and also at each of the meeting-houses in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the town clerk of said East Bridgewater, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

HENRY GURNEY,
ELIAB LATHAM,
GEORGE M. KEITH,
Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

Paid the following persons for labor and material on highway: —

Pat Burmingham	$21 00
C. E. Brown	62 49
Carlton Bouldry	4 95
W. L. Benson	61 25
John E. Brown	6 00
C. H. Brown	6 20
Tim Burdeau	9 15
East Bridgewater Iron Company	6 10
Lucius Bonney	4 50
Freeman Cushman	8 20
John Cook	21 15
Edmund Campbell	61 25
E. L. Clark	230 17
Dennis Curran	86 40
Geo. L. Chamberlain	106 40
John Curley	24 00
John Cummings	32 40
C. W. Siddell.	3 40
George H. Drisland	23 25
Eliphlet S. Davenport	2 63
Joshua Dean	1 00
Daniel Desmond	149 32
Patrick Drisland	21 00
John S. Eastman	1 50
Isadas Fuller	24 03

Michael Feeney	$3 75
Michael Fitzgerald	10 95
George L. French	16 63
E. T. Fuller	50
Frank M. Fisher	2 25
D. W. Gurney	199 55
Parker & Gannett	13 05
D. H. Gurney	12 00
Waldo Hayward	17 26
W. W. Hersey	1 50
Jehiel B. Harding	53 25
Reuben Harding	60 43
Francis Hayward.	124 69
Mount Hope Iron Company	1 20
George S. Harlow	18 00
Luther Harding	24 00
Mark P. Hudson	142 00
A. E. Howe	16 12
Walter V. Judkins	11 25
Herbert C. Keith	170 32
M. M. Keith	11 25
Fred L. Keith	9 13
Nahum Keith	3 75
Sam'l Keith	166 05
W. F. Keene	4 00
Wm. Keene	7 50
Eliab Latham	160 76
A. W. Leach	14 10
Galan Latham	22 30
Charles W. Lincoln	6 00
Timothy Murphy	61 49
Christopher Monohan	33 00
James McAnough	27 85

I. N. Nutter	$5 80
J. E. Noyes	2 00
James Ohearn	6 00
Martin Parris	10 50
L. Pratt	3 75
Geo. H. Pratt, Jr.	3 75
Oliver Pratt	14 78
T. P. Randall	2 25
David Roach	31 50
Justin W. Richards	3 60
Pat Quigley	10 50
James Shaw	4 20
Tim Reed	3 00
Jabez Sturtevant	21 00
Joshua Sturtevant	2 50
E. F. Sampson	13 80
Henry W. Sears	102 30
Martin Sumner	14 85
Oliver M. Sharp	6 00
Nat Perkins	9 07
David Tower	53 32
Allen Washburn	5 80
Calvin S. Whitman	23 10
Melzer Waterman	124 10
Simeon G. Whitmarsh	2 50
Wm. L. Wadsworth	5 75
Ebenezer Whitmarsh	40 50
Orace Washburn	3 75
	$2,933 59

Paid the following persons for labor and material on bridges: —

G. C. Allen	$129 51
George L. Chamberlain	41 00
Samuel Keith	23 00
D. W. Gurney	61 35
Dan Desmond	15 75
Mark P. Hudson	44 25
T. Hobart	4 50
H. Brett	1 50
E. Whitmarsh	1 50
F. J. Johnson	6 00
C. Monahan	9 00
H. M. Keith	17 00
E. Campbell	1 50
O. C. R. R. Co.	2 85
S. L. Seaver	1 25
C. W. Siddell	1 80
F. M. Fisher	11 00
John Keough	6 75
J. Hollis	9 00
C. E. Hooper	8 00
M. Waterman	3 00
Gammons & Nutter	4 30
Dana F. Edson	5 50
E. L. Clark	2 25
M. Day	10 36
	$421 92

Paid the following persons for labor and material on sidewalks: —

D. W. Gurney	$49 30
Mark P. Hudson	53 00

George L. Chamberlain	$23 00
Dan Desmond	25 50
Melzer Waterman	21 75
Dennis Curran	9 00
C. Monahan	16 50
Reuben Harding	6 00
Eliab Latham	20 20
Martin Sumner	3 30
H. C. Keith	6 75
Edmund Campbell	3 75
Jehiel B. Harding	7 50
Tim Murphy	3 00
John Kenough	12 00
F. M. Fisher	4 50
Jabez Sturtevant	3 00
James B. Grover	2 25
John Curley	3 00
E. Whitmarsh	2 25
Luther Harding	6 00
Charles E. Brown	4 50
John E. Brown	4 50
John Brown	4 50
Oliver M. Sharp	4 50
E. L. Clark	14 35
Galan Latham	3 50
David Tower	8 77
I. N. Nutter	5 70
David Roach	2 40
Joshua Sturtevant	3 00
Samuel Keith	12 00
	$349 27

Paid the following persons for clearing highways and sidewalks of snow: —

Ebenezer Whitmarsh	$7 60
Edward Hayward	50
E. T. Fuller	2 00
O. Washburn	80
Francis Hayward	1 00
S. L. Seaver	1 25
Freeman Cushman	40
Mark P. Hudson	1 50
	$15 05

GUIDE-BOARDS

Paid the following persons for repairing old and making new guide-boards, and replacing the same: —

S. L. Seaver	$3 69
Gammons & Nutter	4 53
Minot S. Curtis	40 00
C. W. Siddell	50
Mark P. Hudson	16 50
	$65 22

Amount paid on account of highways	$2,933 59
" " " bridges	421 92
" " " sidewalks	349 27
" " " snow	15 05
" " " guide.boards	65 22
	$3,785 05
Received selectmen's orders to amount of	$3,785 05

SAM'L KEITH,
MARK P. HUDSON,
JOHN LANE,
Road Commissioners, Town of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Town Treasurer*,
in account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1884.		DR.	
Feb.	20.	Balance as per previous report .	$1,458 05
	25.	Town of West Bridgewater, tuition of pupils in Beaver School . .	115 83
		Town of Bridgewater, aid to Frank Alden	1 82
March	3.	Town of South Abington, aid to Catharine Quinn and others .	41 40
		Town of South Abington, care of Mrs. Harriet B. Bates . . .	25 00
		Town of Kingston	2 98
	22.	Selectmen, from sale of cattle at almshouse	120 00
	29.	Town of Bridgewater, aid to Frank Alden	1 82
April	22.	Dr. A. Millet, guardian of Mehitabel Milliken, amount paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital . . .	42 55
		East Bridgewater Savings Bank .	2,000 00
May	3.	Albert Shaw, for release of estate, formerly of John Worton . .	15 00
June	17.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank .	2,000 00
	21.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank .	2,000 00
July	7.	Dr. A. Millet, guardian of Mehitabel Milliken, amount paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital . . .	62 77

July	12.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank .	$2,000 00
	21.	Town of Marlboro', aid to Marcus Temple, balance of old account, $4.96; additional, $5.00 . .	9 96
Aug.	30.	Frank Smith, collector, balance of tax of 1883, including interest .	8 14
Sept.	4.	Building committee of Beaver Schoolhouse, on account of sale of old house and land . .	75 00
Dec.	1.	State Treasurer, corporation tax .	1,596 95
		" " bank tax . .	805 19
		" " State aid . .	798 00
	20.	Selectmen, for plank sold . .	3 50
1885.			
Jan.	10.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank .	2,286 48
	24.	Town of Marlboro', aid to M. Temple	19 50
		State Treasurer, corporation tax .	57 72
		" " income of school fund	179 45
	29.	Town of South Abington, aid to Miss Torrey and others . .	109 21
	30.	County Treasurer, dividend on dog tax	238 96
		Road commissioners . . .	12 50
Feb.	2.	Town of Rochester, aid to Emily Baker and children . . .	41 16
		Frank Smith, collector, on account of tax of 1884, including interest collected	18,739 92
			$34,868 86

1884. Cr.

Sept.	17.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note	$2,000 00
		East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest	34 45
	25.	Town of Hanson, tax	24
Oct.	1.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, three notes	6,000 00
		East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest	68 88
Dec.	1.	State Treasurer, State tax for 1884,	1,860 00
	2.	County Treasurer, county tax for 1884	1,497 33

1885.

Jan.	24.	State Treasurer, corporation tax	02
		Tax of 1884, on real estate held by town by deeds from collector	4 27
		Orders drawn by selectmen	13,668 43
		Orders drawn by school committee	7,569 69
			$32,703 31
		Cash on hand	2,165 55
			$34,868 86

I. N. NUTTER,
Town Treasurer.

East Bridgewater, Mass.,
Feb. 7, 1885.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

FRANK SMITH, *Collector*,
In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER

1883.	Dr.		
To amount tax uncollected 1883 .	$8 00		
To amount interest collected . .	14		
			$8 14
	Cr.		
By amount paid treasurer			$8 14
1884.	Dr.		
To amount committed 1884 .	$18,746 77		
To amount interest collected . .	69 91		
			$18,816 68
	Cr.		
By amount paid treasurer .	$18,802 15		
By amount taxes uncollected . .	14 53		
			$18,816 68

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the accounts of the selectmen, overseers of the poor, school committee, treasurer, assessors, and collector, and have the honor to report as follows: —

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on the treasurer .	$13,668 43
Amount of orders paid by the treasurer . .	13,668 43

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on the treasurer .	$7,569 69
Amount of orders paid by the treasurer . .	7,569 69

TREASURER.

Amount received during the year . . .	$34,868 86
Amount paid out during the year . . .	32,703 31
Cash on hand	$2,165 55

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection . . .	$18,746 77
Interest	69 91
	$18,816 68
Amount paid to treasurer	$18,802 15
Uncollected taxes	14 50
Amount collected, balance of tax, year 1883 .	8 00
Interest	14
Amount paid to treasurer	8 14

The collector has shown us the treasurer's receipts for the above amounts in the collector's account.

One amount, $62.23, was received after the treasurer's book was closed, and too late to appear thereon.

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT AT ALMSHOUSE.

Amount received during the year ending Dec. 31, 1884	$648 24
Amount paid out during the year ending Dec. 31, 1884	610 95
Cash on hand	$37 29
Total valuation	$1,488,040 00

Respectfully summitted,

N. F. DUNPHE,
ROBERT YOUNG,
Auditing Committee.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.,
Feb. 23, 1885.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

1884.			
Feb.	1.	Cash on hand	$183 99
	12.	B. B. Band	6 00
	13.	Unitarian Society	5 00
	15.	James Morey	12 00
	19.	E. B. Minstrels	8 27
	27.	Hanoverian Family	10 00
	29.	Mrs. M. M. Keith	8 00
Mar.	12.	Alabama Students	10 00
	13.	Unitarian Society	5 00
	21.	E. B. Cornet Band	8 00
	25.	C. B. Dobson	10 00
April	18.	E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr.	8 00
	21.	C. B. Dobson	10 00
	29.	R. J. Mitchell	8 00
	30.	Unitarian Society	6 00
May	2.	Grand Army	5 00
	9.	Edna Hayward	5 00
	5.	Temperance Society	2 50
	22.	Mrs. F. C. Nutter	5 00
	23.	Michael Lyons	12 00
June	10.	Unitarian Society, L. H.	3 00
	29.	Temperance Union	2 50
July	9.	Unitarian Society, L. H.	3 00
Aug.	29.	H. F. Howes	5 00

Sept.	18.	I. N. Nutter	$5 00
	29.	Prohibitory Meeting . . .	5 00
	29.	Prohibtory Convention . . .	3 00
Oct.	3.	James Roach	12 00
	10.	Unitarian Society	6 00
	17.	Frank Maguire	12 00
	21.	Norfolk Jubilee Singers . .	10 00
	26.	Unitarian Society, L. H. . .	2 50
	27.	Democratic Rally	5 00
	29.	Republican Rally	5 00
Nov.	7.	Unitarian Society	6 00
	12.	Alabama Students	10 00
	21.	E. W. Nutter	8 00
	24.	Democratic Committee, L. H. .	1 50
	27.	Unitarian Society	6 00
Dec.	17.	H. F. Howes	5 00
	18.	R. H. Mitchell	8 00
	24.	Unitarian Society, L. H. . .	3 00
	26.	High School	5 00
	29.	Spaulding	10 00
	30.	James Roach	12 00
			$480 99

EXPENDITURES.

1884.

Mar.	1.	Isadas Fuller, janitor . . .	$12 00
	21.	J. Hobart, coal	2 30
April	3.	Isadas Fuller, janitor . . .	10 00
May	6.	" " " . . .	8 00
June	11.	I. Fuller, cleaning hall . . .	4 50
	23.	Isadas Fuller, janitor . . .	10 50
July	2.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, etc. . .	11 77

July	7.	Eliab Latham, lumber . . .	$3 89
	8.	S. L. Seaver, labor . . .	1 56
Sept.	1.	C. W. Siddell, iron-work . .	1 50
	12.	Isadas Fuller, janitor . . .	8 00
	15.	Gammons & Nutter, pail, etc. .	1 50
Oct.	16.	Isadas Fuller, janitor . . .	4 50
Nov.	3.	" " " . . .	10 00
	12.	F. Smith, for keys . . .	1 25
		S. L. Seaver, labor and stock .	6 00
	26.	Mrs. Barrett, washing hall . .	4 95
Dec.	6.	Isadas Fuller, janitor . . .	8 50
	25.	F. P. Whitmarsh, repairs . .	19 89
	31.	Granville C. Allen, lumber . .	21 79
	31.	Isadas Fuller, janitor . . .	9 50
	31.	Joshua Dean, coal	14 00
	31.	L. F. Gammons, oil etc. . .	10 17
		F. Smith, secretary and treasurer Committee	10 00
		F. Smith, wax for floor . . .	1 70
			$198 27
Jan. 1, 1885, Cash on hand			282 72
			$480 99

AMOS HUNTING,
FRED E. TROW,
FRANK SMITH,
Town Hall Committee.

BEAVER SCHOOLHOUSE.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

At a town meeting held July 10, it was voted to build a new house for the accommodation of the Beaver schools, and an appropriation of $2,200 was made for that purpose; together with the proceeds to be derived from the sale of the old house and lot.

A Building Committee was chosen, consisting of the members of the School Committee, and Messrs F. S. Strong and George M. Keith.

Soon after their appointment, the Committee met and organized, and at once took measures to put into effect the vote of the town.

Mr. S. L. Ryder was employed to prepare plans and specifications for a building similar to that of the West Primary School.

The old building and lot were advertised for sale at public auction, and were purchased by Waldo Hayward for $365.

A lot on Summer Street was selected for the new building, and finally purchased for $125. This lot adjoins and lies east of that of Myron Hayward. It contains about three fourths of an acre and has a frontage of eight rods.

Proposals for constructing the building were sent to the builders in this vicinity, but only three bids were received; the lowest being that of A. S. Lyons, of Bridgewater, with whom a contract was made for the sum of $1,845.

Owing to delay in shipping the lumber and other causes, Mr. Lyons could not begin work as early as was intended, and the building was not completed until the first of the present month.

The work has been done under the superintendence of the architect, Mr. Ryder, and is satisfactory to him and to the Committee; the terms of the contract having been strictly complied with in all important particulars.

New seats will be required for one of the rooms, and at the opening of spring, the grading of the grounds should be completed and the lot enclosed by a fence. Provision should also be made for a supply of water.

The sums expended by the Committee are as follows: —

Waldo Hayward, land	$125 00
J. M. Whiting, brick-work	178 72
A. A. Dudbar, stone-work	74 80
E. S. Whitmarsh, sale, etc.	5 75
George S. Young, copying	2 50
Francis Hayward, grading	128 13
J. Mahoney, labor	8 25
Thomas Keith, surveying	4 25
A. S. Lyons, by contract	1,845 00
A. S. Lyons, outbuilding	135 00
	$2,507 40
Balance unexpended	57 60
	$2,565 00

For the Committee,

P. M. GRIFFIN,

Secretary.

Feb. 18, 1885.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The voters of East Bridgewater, at the annual meeting held March 10, 1884, voted to establish a Public Library, and appropriated the sum of five hundred dollars for that purpose, not less than three hundred dollars of said sum to be used in the purchase of books. At the same meeting the town chose Messrs Ezra Kingman, Geo. W. Allen, and I. N. Nutter a Committee to carry out the vote of the town.

The Committee, after conferring with the selectmen, and learning that the room hired by the town in Mr. I. N. Nutter's building, for use of town officers, could also be used for the Public Library, decided to put a portion of it in order for the reception of books.

A delay of several weeks after the Committee first met occurred before the library was open to the public. Cases and shelves for the books had to be built, the room fitted up, new books selected, a supplementary catalogue, cards, and slips printed.

The services of Miss Mary T. Rogers having been secured as librarian, the delivery of books commenced June 25. The library has been open every Monday and Wednesday afternoons, from three to six o'clock; and on Saturday evenings, from six to eight o'clock.

Number of volumes received from the East Bridgewater Library Association, 468; number of volumes purchased by Committee prior to June 25, 99; number of volumes added in December, 1884, 210. Present number of volumes, 777. Public documents have been presented the library by Hon.

B. W. Harris, Hon. Horace Reed, and M. P. McLauthlin, Esq.

The number of books given out to Jan. 1, 1885.	2,186
Largest number on any day	68
Smallest number on any day	7
Average number	$26\frac{6}{10}$

Cards have been issued to two hundred and ninety-nine different persons.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1884.

Appropriation by the town	$500 00
Fines collected	7 92
	$507 92

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for books purchased . .	$317 85	
" magazines	15 52	
S. L. Seaver, for shelves, counters, and desk . . .	45 10	
M. S. Curtis, painting . .	11 80	
J. Burrell, printing, catalogues, etc.	20 00	
I. N. Nutter, supplies . .	12 27	
Mary T. Rogers, librarian .	37 50	
C. L. Nutter, care of room .	2 75	
Old Colony Railroad freight .	44	
		463 23
Balance unexpended		44 69
		$507 92

EZRA KINGMAN,
I. N. NUTTER,
GEO. W. ALLEN,
Library Committee.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

Thirty-nine marriages have been recorded during the year.

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence.
1884.	
Jan. 6.	Stephen Griggs and Mary J. Cressy, both of South Abington. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.
13.	George A. Simmons of Duxbury, and Melora A. Ford of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.
23.	Marcus Temple of East Bridgewater, and Susie D. Ellio, of Plymouth. By Rev. W. H. Coffin.
27.	Edwin T. Wright of Brockton, and Maria T. Hayward of Abington. By Rev. E. S. Fletcher.
Feb. 3.	Franklin A. Kingman and Annie A. Thurlow, both of Brockton. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.
Mar. 29.	Frank L. Howland of East Bridgewater, and Carrie A. Howard of Brockton. By Rev. E. S. Fletcher.
April 12.	Calvin E. Chamberlain of East Bridgewater, and Lillian M. Hatch of South Abington. By Rev. A. W. Kingsley.
May 8.	Charles Griggs and Martha A. Converse, both of South Abington. By. Rev. P. M. Griffin.
June 3.	Ralph H. Damon of Concord, and Mary W. Kennan of East Bridgewater. By Rev. E. A. Horton.

June 5. John E Coleman of Milford, and Catharine McLennan of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.

15. Wallace S. Morse and H. Emeline Edson, both of South Abington. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.

17. Ida Chenvert of Brockton, and Mary Desmond of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Thomas Moylan.

July 2. Andrew Clark and Jane McDougall, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. B. Gurney.

16. Thomas H. Perkins of Plympton, and Jennie E. Dean of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.

24. John King of Boston, and Mary O'Brien of East Bridgewater. By Rev. E. S. Fletcher.

24. Jehial B. Harden and Lillian Cushman, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Jacob Baker.

26. Ellsworth P. Morris of South Abington, and Edna Haywood of East Bridgewater. By Rev. L. B. Hatch.

Aug. 13. George L. Chamberlain and Etta M. Wade, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.

25. Aaron E. Ramsdell and Anna E. Sturtevant, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. S. H. Day.

Sept. 3. John Welch and Catharine L. Mahoney, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Thomas Moylan.

18. Allan B. Shaw and Fanny M. Gurney, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

21. Otis E. Hall and Lucy M. Stetson, both of South Abington. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.

22. William F. Perkins and Harriet Gifford, both of Brockton. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.

Sept. 25. Harvey Chandler of East Bridgewater, and Emily A. Johnson of Brockton. By Rev. F. A. Warfield.

26. Prescott E. Ramsdell and Susie E. Harding both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.

Oct. 15. Eliab N. Ward of East Bridgewater, and Grace F. Smith of Brockton. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.

19. Frank E. Hunt and Mary A. Trow, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.

26. Josiah J. Pratt and Saba C. Alden, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.

28. Charles H. Keith of East Bridgewater, and Minnie B. Goodell of Boston. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.

Nov. 5. Benjamin K. Bliss of New York, and Elizabeth W. Keith of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.

23. G. W. Nelson Joyce and Angenette Hoyt, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

23. Edward Welch of East Bridgewater, and Alice E. Donahoe of West Bridgewater. By Rev. Thomas Moylan.

23. Jeremiah Reardon of East Bridgewater, and Mary E. Coughlin of South Abington. By Rev. W. P. McQuade.

26. Phanor B. Dunphe and Alice W. Trask, both of Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.

27. Bartholomew J. Doody of East Bridgewater, and Hannah Linnehan of West Bridgewater. By Rev. Michael Doherty.

Dec. 6. Edward Brett and Mary E. Hewerson, both of Brockton. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.

Dec. 6. William E. Bunker of Brockton and Mary E. Swain of East Bridgewater. By Rev. O. D. Thomas.

24. Clarence P. White and Sadie A. Pickernell, both of Brockton. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.

1884.

Jan. 13. Cornelius L. O'Brien and Annie Fitzgerald, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.

FRANK SMITH,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1884.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS' NAMES.
1884.		
Jan. 4....	Lucy Cushman Chandler.....	Frank B. and Sarah D.
" 10....	Alma Francis Wright	Alphonzo B. and Mary L.
" 29....	John Ernest Taylor.....	Manuel and Mary J.
Feb. 1....	George Edward Manning.....	John and Mary.
" 2....	Mary Ella Carroll.....	John W. and Annie.
" 8....	Maud Evelyn Alden.....	Frank and Emma F.
" 15....	Frank Ellsworth Mitchell	Frederic and Juliett.
" 22....	Leon Ellsworth Wood.....	Albert S. and Hannah D.
March 4....	——— Monnehan	Christopher and Mary.
" 8....	Sophia Potter Van Amringe..	George J. and Thankful H.
" 18....	Alice Orr Harris.....	Robert O. and Josephine D.
" 22....	John Francis Hagan	Peter, Jr. and Mary A.
" 23....	Perley Kimball Griffin.....	Perley M. and Eva J
" 24....	Eliza Evelyn Waterman.....	Richmond N. and Eliza M.
April 1....	Florence Isabella Ellis	Joseph F. and Nancy.
" 2....	Wallace Wilbur Grover	James B. and Lois F.
" 10....	Harold Addison Barnes.....	Willard E. and Lilla F.
" 26....	George Bernier.....	Zephiren and Mary.
May 1....	Bartley Curran	Bartley and Ann.
" 8....	Mary Alice Curley.....	Patrick N. and Nellie.
" 9....	Edgar Worcester	Edgar E. and Henrietta.
" 16....	George Sites	George and Joanna.
" 28....	Lottie Mitchell	Robert J. and Mary A.
" 28....	——— Nicholson	Murdock and Effie.
" 30....	Daniel Arthur Blanchard.....	Daniel T. Jr. and Lydia F.
June 7....	Alice Teresa Cavanagh.....	David and Alice E.
" 10....	John Carroll Condon.....	Thomas and Kate.
" 16....	Lea Thibeault	Nazaire and Mary.
" 20 ...	George Walter Hathaway	Walter B. and Angie.
" 22....	Nellie Cushman Chandler	William H. and Abby W.
" 25....	Ina Crosby Standish	Edgar A. and Betsey H.
July 3....	Francis W. Lindsey.....	Ernest W. and Lizzie H.
" 8....	Ellen Elizabeth Carroll.....	Patrick F. and Bridget.
" 9....	Dora Francis Shepard.....	John and Julia
" 19....	Mary Pinseneault.....	Hezemaire and Mathilde.
" 19....	Jennie Rebecca Gaffney	Charles E. and Roslea.
" 20....	Mary Elizabeth Crowley.....	Michael J. and Minnie F.
" 24....	Mary Agnes Dillon.....	Patrick and Katie E.
Aug. 3....	Ellen Perkins Carver.....	Nathaniel P. and Elizabeth.
" 15....	Roy Keeler Piper	Waldo T. and Harriet C.
" 18....	Maggie Bussey	William H. and Kate.
" 29....	David Burdeau	Timothy and Agnes.
Sept. 10....	Edwin Franklin Dyson.....	Edwin F. and Eliza A.
Oct. 6....	Ernest Laurel Blake	Venaid D. and Effie.
" 9....	Grace Doyle.....	William R. and Mary A.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1884, *Continued.*

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Oct. 30....	Leon Rexford Planch.....	Henry and Jennie.
Nov. 20....	Arthur Ellis Bunker.....	Theodore E. and Annie.
" 25....	Maggie Murphy.....	William and Eliza.
Dec. 8....	Mabel Irving Kingman	Justin S. and Angie.
" 23....	Gertrude Augusta Bonney	Fred G. and Amy.
1883		
May 14....	Ida Minnie Drake..... ...	Waldo A. and Hannah A.
1882		
Sept. 4....	Sadie Francis Chandler	William H. and Abby W.

Whole number of births in 1884, 50: females, 28; males, 22.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1884.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1884.					
Jan. 11,	Betsey A. Cooper	59	9	25	Pulmonary Œdema.
Feb. 10,	Robert Orr.....	89	4	12	Accidental Burning.
March 21,	Walter E. Whitman	15	1	14	Tubercular Meni'gitis.
" 22,	John E. Waterman	37	3	8	Acute Pneumonia.
" 28,	Bartholomew Trow	80	7	7	Diabetes.
April 2,	James McCarthy	47			Phthisis.
" 23,	Edward S. Keith.....	56	9	5	Suicide.
" 27,	Amanda Hatch.....	70	5	18	Bright's Disease.
May 13,	Freelove W. Thompson.	78	8	27	Paralysis.
" 24,	Charles W. Harris.....	61	9	13	Paralysis of Bowels.
June 5,	Elizabeth J. Bryant	72	6	16	Erysipelas.
" 17,	Samuel Harris.....	73	11		Spinal Apoplexy.
July 14,	Harrison W. White.....	71		2	Paralysis.
" 22,	George Benson.....	63	8	8	Uræmia.
" 27,	Galen Willis	84		14	Cancer.
Aug. 14,	Hulda Brett.....	82	4	14	Old Age.
" 24,	Ruth S. Grover.....	81		4	Diarrhœa.
" 27,	Otis Grover.....	81	3	12	Chronic Laryngitis.
" 29,	Angenette Richards	55			Disease of Brain.
" 30,	Annie Barrett.....		11	27	Diarrhœa.
Sept. 10,	Jane A. Osborne	15	1	14	Consumption.
" 12,	John Jones	75		17	Osteosarcoma.
" 24,	Theophilus B. Gurney..	60	6	2	Paralysis of Heart.
" 28,	Maggie Bussey.....		1	11	Cholera Infantum.
Oct. 1,	Annie E. Reed	37		11	Chronic Gastritis.
" 9,	Hanoro Gadbois.....		8	11	Abscess.
" 10,	Francis W. Lindsey		3	7	Hydrocephalus.
Nov. 4,	Mary Shaw	78			Old Age.
" 14,	Clifford Keith	20	4	3	Pulm'n'y Tub'rculosis.
" 21,	Sarah E. Freeman.....	15	2	3	Typhoid Fever.
" 21,	Samuel Keen.....	79	3	22	Senile Decay.
" 22,	Sarah Holmes.....	82	8	9	Old Age.
Dec. 11,	Alfred C. Ransden.....	1	9	13	Scarlatina.
" 13,	Ann M. Herrick.....	80			Paralysis.
" 16,	Michael Riordon	26	1	26	Phthisis.
" 19,	Sarah Lilly	80	6	4	Old Age.
" 28,	Annie W. Timmons	2	3	15	Scarlatina.

Whole number of deaths registered, 37.

Number of deaths in East Bridgewater, 36.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER

FOR

1884-5.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At the annual townmeeting, Ezra Kingman was re-elected a member of the Committee for the term of three years.

At the first meeting of the Board, E. W. Nutter was chosen chairman and treasurer; and P. M. Griffin, secretary.

Mr. Nutter was reappointed superintendent on the same terms as last year. His report, which follows this, shows the schools to be in a generally satisfactory condition, and to have made good progress during the year.

CHANGES OF TEACHERS.

Fewer changes have occurred in the corps of teachers than in most former years; and, in a majority of cases, these changes have been favorable to the interests of the schools.

The term for which teachers are generally appointed, expires at the end of the school year, which closes with the summer term.

A few of the teachers employed last year were not reappointed, as the Committee felt that more competent instructors could be obtained to fill the places. In this they were not disappointed; for, in every instance where a removal was made, a marked improvement in the school followed. The Committee made these changes reluctantly, and after much deliberation; but the good of the schools was the paramount consideration, and they leave their action to be justified by its results.

During the year three teachers resigned who had ren-

dered acceptable service. Two of the vacancies were filled by graduates of the Bridgewater Normal School; the third, by a young lady from the Quincy Training School.

Of the sixteen teachers now in service, nine were fitted for their profession by a special course in training schools; the others have held their present positions for terms of two years or more.

The salaries paid in the several grades are as follows: —

High School, principal	$1,000 00
" " assistant	400 00
Central Grammar	500 00
Other grammar schools	360 00
Intermediate	288 00
Primary and mixed	252 to 288

FREE TEXT-BOOKS.

The State law requiring towns to furnish all text-books and materials went into effect at the beginning of the fall term. It was impossible to estimate closely the sum needed to meet this expense. The Committee, in common with those of most other towns, have found the sum appropriated insufficient. The law, however, is mandatory; and the only course was to purchase such supplies, and only such, as were indispensable. Although the amount expended seems large, the average is less than $1.75 to a pupil, which does not seem extravagant.

The law is a just one and relieves a large class from a tax which bore heavily upon them. It is democratic, putting the children of the rich and poor upon an equal footing in our schools. All the pupils being supplied at the same time with whatever is necessary for the prosecution of their studies, delays are avoided, and the work of the teacher is facilitated. While the burden is shifted from one class to

another, the total expense is probably lessened. Books are no longer put aside when a single scholar has "been through" them, but are transmitted from class to class until worn out in service. As each pupil is held responsible for the condition of the books loaned to him, he will naturally exercise greater care in handling them than if they were his own.

Now that the heaviest expense has been met, the law will not be found a burdensome one to the tax-payers.

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Of late years this town has been liberal and progressive in providing school accommodations. Several of the old houses have been replaced by larger ones, constructed in accordance with modern ideas of taste and convenience. All of the others have undergone improvements.

The largest outlay during the year has been made upon the building at Elmwood, for which a special appropriation was made by the town. The main room was improved by painting and whitewashing, laying a new floor, and renovating the seats and black-boards. The building was painted outside, a portion of the fence rebuilt, and the grounds graded.

As new outbuildings were erected last year, the property in this neighborhood is in excellent condition.

From the appropriation for general repairs, the largest sums have been expended in constructing outbuildings at Eastville, and putting in order the buildings at Northville which were moved from the site of the East Primary School.

The Committee had supposed that the demand for larger accommodations would come first from the centre of the town; but the membership of the Northville School had increased so rapidly, that at the beginning of the year it had grown beyond the seating capacity of the old building, and was

large enough to form two schools of nearly the average size. The expense of moving the buildings was much less than that which would have been incurred in providing accommodations by any other means. It should be remembered that the appropriation was made with a view to placing the buildings but a half-mile from their original location.

The policies of insurance on several houses having expired, the Committee, following the course heretofore pursued, caused them to be renewed, although there was no appropriation for the purpose.

Now that the new building in Beaver is completed, all our schools are provided with ample space, and with most of the appliances necessary for the comfort and instruction of the pupils. No expensive alterations will be necessary the coming year. Several of the houses have no canopies over the outer doors. These should be built as a protection to the children in stormy weather. They would also improve materially the appearance of the buildings. The cost of them, with suitable platforms, would not exceed one hundred dollars.

Four of the buildings need painting. Among these is that occupied by the High School.

The grounds, too, around this building should receive attention. They are rough and unsightly, and in a condition not creditable to the town.

To meet the expenses of the ensuing year, the Committee recommend the following appropriations : —

ESTIMATES.

School purposes	$5,600 00
Incidentals	300 00
Text-books and supplies	400 00

Apparatus for High School	$100 00
Painting and grading High School . . .	350 00
Painting, etc., other houses	300 00
Building fence, etc., Beaver	300 00

P. M. GRIFFIN,
EZRA KINGMAN,
For the School Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE:

The annual report of the superintendent, though addressed to the Committee, whose agent he is, is intended for the perusal of the citizens of the town, and should confine itself to such a presentation of facts in relation to the schools, and such explanations of the methods of instruction and supervision, as will give a correct understanding of their condition and progress.

The discussion, in this connection, of the problems which are to-day agitating the minds of educators, would possess little interest for the large majority of those into whose hands this report will fall.

ATTENDANCE.

The census taken May 1, 1884, showed the number of children in town between 5 and 15 years of age to be	449
Decrease from last year	4
Whole number of pupils of all ages enrolled on school registers	538
Decrease from last year	5
Number over fifteen years	46
Number under five years	12
Number of pupils of school age attending	480
Decrease from last year	12
Average membership of the schools	443
Decrease from last year	3
Per cent of average attendance	90

The average membership of the several schools for each term is given in the following table : —

Name of School.	Average Membership.			Per cent of Average Attendance for Year.
	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	
High School	34	47	44	93
Central Grammar	51	51	47	91
Centre Intermediate	26	23	19	88
West Intermediate	29	35	34	94
West Primary	43	31	35	88
North Primary	52	32	26	91
Beaver Grammar	23	21	19	86
Beaver Primary	35	32	29	89
Elmwood Grammar	28	29	30	94
Elmwood Primary	43	34	33	89
Northville Grammar	38	38	20	95
Northville Primary	..	28	27	97
Curtisville	22	22	20	93
Eastville	27	27	26	88
Satucket	16	17	15	93
	467	439	424	90

The Northville School was divided at the middle of the fall term. The number of pupils reported for the grammar school during that term includes those who were transferred to the primary.

A comparison of the per cents of attendance with those of last year exhibits but slight variations. The attendance in the Beaver schools has been affected by the prevalence of scarlet fever.

The Centre Intermediate has suffered more than others from truancy.

An effort was made by the truant officers to abate this evil, and was partially successful; a number of boys heretofore troublesome having been coerced into regular attendance. It is next to impossible, however, without resorting to the

law, to force into school those children whose parents will not co-operate with the school officers.

In spite of adverse influences, the per cent of attendance has gradually risen, and our record in that respect is a creditable one.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

The work of improvement inaugurated by the Committee at the beginning of last year has been steadily prosecuted during the year just closed, and the results may be regarded as generally satisfactory.

In my report of last year I sketched the conditions necessary for the success of any system of public instruction.

First and foremost among these is the selection of good teachers and their retention in service. The qualifications of a really good teacher are so many, that it is not often that all are found united in one person. But, whatever the literary attainments or natural ability of one who seeks the teacher's position, special training or previous experience should be insisted upon as an indispensable condition of appointment.

Our schools are fortunate at the present time in having a corps of teachers all of whom possess one or both of these qualifications.

Most of them have been at their post for periods long enough to test thoroughly their ability to govern and instruct. All have evinced a lively interest in their work and a desire to do all that might be required of them in the discharge of the various duties of their positions.

They have recognized the fact that, to be successful, teachers must themselves be learners; eager to acquire and ready to apply the best methods of training and instruction. I have been especially pleased, in my visits to the schools, at the

entire absence of any attempt at parade or display. This is a good sign; in a school where honest work is being done, there is no room for show.

I cannot refrain from expressing my gratification at the excellent work done in the primary schools. Their teachers are alive to the responsibility which rests upon them, in developing the mental powers of these young pupils and training their faculties, so as to render their progress in the higher schools easy and natural.

It is easy to find many points in which our schools are deficient; but when fairly tested, I believe that sure signs of advancement are readily seen.

In regularity of attendance, interest of pupils, their desire for promotion, the quality of instruction,—in these and other respects improvement is manifest.

The conditions which now exist are favorable to the continued prosperity of the schools. This will be assured if the town continues the liberal policy which has of late been pursued in providing for their accommodations and support.

HIGH SCHOOL.

School supervisors of the smaller towns too often commit the error of making the course of studies for the high schools too ambitious or pretentious. Without consulting the actual needs of the youth for whom they are directly providing, they take for their models the schools of larger towns, and introduce into the curriculum so many branches that the larger number of the pupils who complete it go out into the world with a mere smattering of knowledge and with little real education.

In determining and arranging the studies to be pursued, many things are to be considered,—the preparatory training

of the pupils, the length of time they are to remain in the school, their future vocations, etc.

The records of our High School show that the number of scholars who do not pursue the full course is relatively large.

For this class of pupils especial provision should be made; that, when they leave the school, they may carry with them a practical knowledge of the most useful branches.

High-school graduates are often found deficient in a knowledge of those branches which they were supposed to have completed in the early part of the course or before entering the school. At no time in the course should a pursuit of the common branches be dropped.

The knowledge of them gained in the first year of the course should find constant application throughout the succeeding years. Spelling should be a daily exercise. The principles of arithmetic may be revised in connection with algebra and other studies; geography with history, history with civil government, and English grammar with all studies. Were this done, a high-school education would be worth all the time and effort spent in its acquisition.

The changes in the course of study suggested in my last year's report were approved by the Committee, and went into effect at the beginning of the present school year. The course as now arranged is printed on page 66.

It is hoped that in its practical working it will furnish to each pupil an opportunity to obtain the instruction which he most needs or desires. But a longer period will be needed to test it than that which has passed since its introduction.

At the beginning of the school year a class of thirty-three pupils was admitted to the school, including nine who had been pursuing a preparatory course in the school during the previous year. In this entering class were pupils from all

the grammar and mixed schools of the town. That so many were found qualified to meet the requirements of the standard of admission is a gratifying evidence of the increased efficiency of the lower schools.

The membership of the school at the present time is as follows: —

Senior Class	7
Sub-senior	3
Middle	8
Junior	27
	45

Of these, twenty-six have elected the four years' course; twelve, the three years' and seven, the two years'.

Under its present teachers, the school is giving proof of thorough and earnest work. Mr. Hutchins, the new principal, is laboring assiduously and intelligently to raise the standard of scholarship; and the pupils manifest a commendable spirit of good order and interest in their studies.

At the close of the last year a class of five was graduated; three receiving diplomas for the English course, two for the Latin and English course.

NAMES OF GRADUATES.

Minnie O. Hunting, Jennie C. Keith,
Julia W. Voigt, Mary W. Richards,
Myrtie G. Wentworth.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

Drawing, Botany, Astronomy, and Natural History to be taught orally, as general exercises, by the teachers.

Daily exercises in spelling and definition for the first two years.

Exercises in recitation and original composition at least twice each term.

Pupils entering the school without conditions may take Latin the first year.

Scholars honorably completing either of the courses will receive diplomas when they graduate.

	Two Years.	Three Years.	Four Years.
First Year.	Arithmetic. Geography. Grammar. U. S. History.	The first year in each completion of the gram	course is devoted to the mar-school studies.
Second Year.	Penmanship. Single Entry Bookkeeping. Mercantile Arithmetic. Physiology. *Phys. Geography. English Language. Civil Government.	Pupils taking either of the studies of the two addition of those below. Algebra (instead of Co *French.	these courses will pursue years' course with the mmercial Arithmetic). Latin.
Third Year.		Algebra. Geometry. General History. English Language. English Literature. Philosophy. *French.	The same as for the three years' course. Latin. *French.
Fourth Year.			Review of Mathematics. English Literature. Chemistry. Rhetoric. Latin. *French.

*Elective.

WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS.

The practice of giving tests or written examinations at stated times is still continued. The wisdom of this practice is questioned by many whose opinions are entitled to consideration. The objections urged are, that it brings too great strain upon the minds of the pupils, adds greatly to the labor of the teachers, and consumes time that would be better employed in the regular work of instruction.

That there is force in some of these objections is to be admitted; but my observation of the effects of these examinations in the schools of this town leads me to favor their continuance. They are necessary to determine the proficiency

of the pupils, to ascertain their relative standing, and to decide whether they are prepared for promotion. To reach a decision in these respects, some kind of examination must be had. If made orally, it does not furnish the means of accurate estimate and comparison.

Under the present system, two tests are given each term; or six in the course of the year. No special preparation is made for them, and the questions given are general in their character, touching such subjects as each member of a class should know if he has been constant in attendance and attentive to his studies. After the papers written by the pupils have been corrected by the teacher, they are returned; and the pupils are required to answer correctly, after further study, the questions given.

From my own experience and the testimony of teachers, I am satisfied that the results obtained by these examinations may be relied upon to determine the relative proficiency of the pupils. I know of no case of injury to a pupil's mind or health in consequence of the strain produced in preparing the exercises required by these tests. A decided benefit is received by the pupil from the exercise of writing, in a distinct hand and with clearness of expression, his knowledge of subjects which he has previously studied. The opportunity for review which is given is another consideration in favor of such examinations.

SCHOOL SUPERVISION.

I have no desire to magnify the labor of those who are charged with the direction of the public schools. The duties of a superintendent are multifarious and exacting. Some of them are not of the most agreeable character. He must visit the schools frequently, and see that their wants

are properly and promptly supplied. He must observe carefully the character of the instruction given, and make regular reports to the Committee of the condition of the schools. He is to judge of the fitness of the teachers, and advise with the Committee when new ones are to be selected. He must hear the complaints brought by parents, pupils or instructors and be ready to give advice or render a decision. The executive duties devolving upon him demand a large share of the time at his disposal.

To discharge all these duties well he must not only possess peculiar qualifications, but be at liberty to respond to every call made upon him.

I am conscious that my performance has fallen short of my endeavor. The work to be done was greater than I could accomplish in the time which I could devote to it. In judging of the results, I trust that the citizens of the town will consider all the circumstances of my position.

To the Committee, I desire to express my grateful acknowledgment of the aid and support they have rendered me in the discharge of the duties of my office.

E W. NUTTER,
Superintendent.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Appropriation	$5,600 00
Received from State treasurer	179 45
" " Town of West Bridgewater	89 52
Amount available	$5,868 97

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHING.

Wyman C. Fickett, High School	$480 00
John W. Hutchins, " "	400 00
Florence M. Cross, " "	345 64
Fred H. Wight, Central Grammar	410 30
Ann W. Harden, Centre Intermediate	252 80
Mrs. E. M. Murphy, North Primary	233 60
Jennie Donoghue, North Primary	24 00
Cora J. Ripley, North Primary and Northville	168 80
Hattie F. Whitmarsh, West Intermediate	256 00
Agnes A. Voigt, West Primary	256 80
Alva B. Whitney, Beaver Grammar	282 00
Florence M. Blanchard, Beaver Grammar	30 00
Lura J. Burrell, Beaver Primary	219 80
Mary E. Worcester, Eastville	219 00
Bertha I. Mason, Curtisville	114 80

Alice Miller, Curtisville	$105 00
Hattie C. Sampson, Satucket	219 80
Annie S. Clifford, Elmwood Grammar	32 00
Alice W. Renton, " "	290 00
Gertrude Fuller, Northville	292 00
Mrs. E. Murphy, Northville	30 00
Fannie M. Gurney, Elmwood Primary	117 60
Lucy Tooker, Elmwood Primary	105 00
Town of South Abington	30 00
Total	$4,914 94

CARE OF HOUSES.

Mrs. Kate Barrett, care	$75 02
Mrs. Kate Barrett, cleaning	26 00
Mrs. E. M. Murphy, care	6 00
Owen Maguire, care	4 00
Mrs. Owen Maguire, cleaning	4 00
Mrs. Kate Barrett, cleaning	85
Mrs. M. Carroll, care	15 66
Mrs. M. Carroll, cleaning	6 68
Mrs. Hennessy, care	8 00
Alice Whitman, care	10 00
Fred L. Soper, care	7 00
George Bates, care	3 00
A. C. Churchill, care	3 00
F. Donnelly	7 33
Mrs. Sears Frost, cleaning	3 50
Bertha I. Mason, cleaning	6 50
Bertha I. Mason, care	4 00
Alice Miller, care	3 00
Hattie Simpson, care	3 20
Cora Bird, care	3 00

Bertie Bennett, care	$3 00
Mrs. R. Wade, cleaning	3 00
James K. Brett, care	6 00
Roy S. Hayward, care	6 50
Mrs. James Cunningham, cleaning	4 50
Inez Ramsdell, care	3 00
Everett Richards, care	6 00
Lonnie Pratt, care	4 00
Cora J. Ripley, care	1 25
C. A. McKenzie, cleaning	3 00
Albert Edson, care	6 00
Total	$245 99

FUEL.

Dana F. Edson, labor	$3 00
A. S. Alger, coal	233 00
J. E. Bisbee, labor	3 25
J. Mahoney "	2 00
Levi W. Noyes, labor	5 55
J. D. Jones, wood	14 00
Herbert C. Keith, wood	31 50
Eliab Latham, "	5 50
Henry W. Porter, labor	2 50
David Gurney, wood	2 00
Frank Donnelly, labor	3 00
Enoch Freeman "	16 00
A. A. Pratt, "	3 25
Clarkson Richards, wood	4 00
Noah Washburn, "	8 00
Total	$336 56

Winkley, Dresser & Co., reference books, etc.	$44 65

RECAPITULATION.

Amount available for school purposes		$5,868 97
Paid for teaching	$4,914 94	
Paid for care of houses	245 99	
Paid for fuel	336 56	
Paid for reference books, etc.	44 65	
		5,542 14
Balance unexpended		$326 83

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Hektograph Manufacturing Company	$3 15
P. M. Griffin, expenses to Mansfield	6 37
E. W. Nutter, record books, stationery, etc.	38 79
C. W. Clark, settees, erasers, etc.	38 80
Old Colony Railroad Company, freight	1 76
Thomas Hall, chemicals	2 80
Boston School Supply Company, ink-wells	1 50
J. Burrell, printing	19 25
Hopkinson & Marden, brooms, mats, etc.	23 25
J. H. Potter, cleaning clocks	1 00
Lura J. Burrell, map	1 75
Winkley, Dresser & Co., ink, etc.	21 05
E. S. Clark, labor	3 00
Daniel Hines, repairing chairs	70
G. C. Allen, lumber	1 74
Knight, Adams & Co., account books	5 47
Gammons & Nutter, hardware	31 44
W. C. Fickett, book	1 10
E. W. Nutter, expense of obtaining teachers	11 75
Fannie M. Gurney, expense	75

Paid S. J. Voight, filling diplomas	$1 25
E. F. Sampson, moving wood	12 80
Bishop Bros., steps	1 25
G. S. Young, copying	1 50
American Soapstone Finish Company	27 00
Edwin Hayward, digging wells.	5 00
George S. Jones, clock, etc.	5 50
Alanson Benson, setting trees	3 00
Eliab Latham, trees	4 80
J. M. Whitman, setting glass	1 92
Expenses Teachers' Institute	16 40
Alger & Co., express	12 85
George S. Perry, blanks	3 99
E. W. Nutter, taking census	15 00
Knight, Adams & Co., labels	4 86
I. N. Nutter, sundries	2 41
Total	$334 95
Appropriation	300 00
Excess of expenditures	$34 95

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation	$350 00
From county treasurer	238 96
Amount available	$588 96

EXPENDITURES.

Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co.	$141 40
Winkley, Dresser & Co.	211 08
Cowperthwait & Co.	40 50
A. Lovell & Co	5 00

Anderson School Book Company	$1 25
William Ware & Co.	15 00
Isaac N. Nutter	142 75
Boston School Supply Company	216 97
Total	$773 93
Amount available	588 96
Excess of expenditures	$184 97

REPAIRS.

Appropriation for Elmwood	$350 00
" " general repairs	200 00
Total	$550 00

EXPENDITURES.

S. L. Seaver, stock and labor, Elmwood	$214 79
Minot S. Curtis, painting, "	85 00
Wm. A. Kinnear, whitewashing, "	23 00
Mark P. Hudson, grading, "	32 98
S. L. Seaver, outbuilding, Eastville	93 70
S. L. Seaver, High School building, etc.	51 25
R. T. Brett, Elmwood	4 25
John W. Whiting, labor, etc., Northville	34 02
James Powers, moving shed, "	18 00
Eliab Latham, oxen, "	5 00
C. E. Brown, " "	1 75
Edwin L. Brown, grading, "	16 00
Wm. L. Judkins, brick, "	2 25
S. R. Newhall, labor, "	8 35
Minot S. Curtis, labor and stock	47 44
B. F. Edson, labor, Eastville	2 50

Geo. Vanamringe, setting glass, Elmwood	$3 65
R. F. Copeland, stone, Eastville	2 50
Total	$646 93
Appropriation	550 00
Excess of expenditure	$96 93

MOVING EAST PRIMARY BUILDING.

Lucius Remick, team, etc.	$3 00
James Powers, oxen, etc., moving building	91 87
Charles Latham, use of oxen	3 50
Charles Brown, " " "	3 50
Town of East Bridgewater, use of oxen	3 50
Patrick Norris, use of oxen	5 00
Hebert Keith, " " "	3 50
Benjamin Ward, " " "	3 50
E. B. French, " " "	6 00
James Latham, " " "	5 50
A. H. Latham, " " "	5 50
David Gurney, " " "	3 50
Total	$137 87
Appropriation	100 00
Excess of expenditures	$37 87
Paid for insurance, no appropriation	$133 87
Amount available for all school purposes	$7,407 95
" expended	7,569 63
Excess of expenditures	$161 68

For the School Committee,

E. W. NUTTER, *Treasurer.*

SIXTY SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE YEAR 1885.

BOSTON:
ALFRED MUDGE & SON, PRINTERS,
24 FRANKLIN STREET
1886.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1885.

Town Clerk.
FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer.
ISAAC N. NUTTER.

Collector.
FRANK SMITH.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.
HENRY GURNEY. ELIAB LATHAM. GEORGE M. KEITH.

School Committee.
EDMUND W. NUTTER. PERLEY M. GRIFFIN. EZRA KINGMAN.

Auditor.
N. FRANK DUNPHE.

Constables.
BENJAMIN SIDDALL. EDWARD E. EDSON. CHARLES L. JONES.
THOMAS S. H. ROUNSEVILLE. FRANKLIN W. FRENCH.

Road Commissioners.
SAMUEL KEITH. JOHN LANE. JAMES W. LATHAM.

Fence Viewers.
HENRY GURNEY. A. HARRIS LATHAM.

Measurers of Wood.
WARREN K. CHURCHILL. WILLIAM B. HALL. CHARLES W. WIXON.

Weighers of Coal.
ARTHUR G. WATERMAN. SAMUEL E. KEITH.
WILLIAM O. SHELDON. GEORGE ALLEN.

Surveyors of Lumber.
SAMUEL L. SEAVER. WILLIAM H. JEFFERSON.

Field Drivers.
ELIAB N. WARD. ALLEN B. SHAW. MYRON E. HAYWARD.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.
ROBERT YOUNG.

Truant Officer.
BENJAMIN SIDDALL.

Pound Keeper.
H. W. SEARS.

Sexton.
M. L. WEBBER.

Registrars of Voters.
R. O. HARRIS. AMOS HUNTING.
E. S. WHITMARSH. FRANK SMITH.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1885.

Support of schools	$5,600 00	
School incidentals	300 00	
Text-books	400 00	
Apparatus for High School	100 00	
Supply of water for High School	500 00	
Supply of water for other schools	300 00	
Painting and grading at High School,	350 00	
Fencing and grading at Beaver School,	300 00	
Painting other school buildings	300 00	
		$8,150 00
Repairs of highways	$3,000 00	
Bridges and culverts	500 00	
Sidewalks	500 00	
Repairs on Spring Street	500 00	
Removal of snow	200 00	
		4,700 00
Support of poor	$3,000 00	
Town officers and committees	1,200 00	
Town incidentals	600 00	
Public library	500 00	
Superintendent of schools	500 00	
Decoration of soldiers' graves	100 00	
Suppression of crime	200 00	
Abatement of taxes	125 00	
Hook and ladder house and truck	500 00	
Pumps	210 00	
		6,935 00
Total appropriations		$19,785 00
Town note due from assessment of 1885		$2,286 48

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

To the Citizens of East Bridgewater:

The Selectmen respectfully submit for your consideration the following report of the payments made for the year 1885, and the financial condition of the town at its close: —

By vote of the town, the Selectmen were instructed to lease for a term of years, a room, to be built with vault accommodations, in the Savings Bank building for a town office, where the records of the town might be safe from fire. We accordingly leased of the Savings Bank, for five years from April 1, at an annual rent of $150, the room now occupied jointly as an office for the town officers and by the public library.

In the suit of Bailey W. Geary against the town, we considered it to be for the town's interest to settle the case without having recourse to the courts. We have settled with him by paying him $356 in full satisfaction for his loss of time, property, and personal injury.

A hook and ladder house has been erected at Elmwood upon land leased of Mr. George Bryant, and a hook and ladder truck and equipments placed therein.

An action is now pending against the town, brought by Andrew P. Sturtevant, claiming damage in relation to a

scholar connected with the public schools of the town, upon which your action is invited.

There are four persons who claim they are entitled to the bounty of $125 each, as having enlisted upon the same quota as those paid by the town in 1884.

We have drawn orders upon the Treasurer in amount and for purposes, as follows: —

STATE AID.

Payments under Chap. 301.

Paid Jane R. Bancroft. . . .	$48 00	
Harriet B. Bates . . .	48 00	
Sarah B. Gould . . .	48 00	
Betsey A. Hale . . .	48 00	
Lydia A. Hale . . .	12 00	
Mary Hudson . . .	48 00	
Sarah C. Hudson . . .	48 00	
Mary S. Ripley . . .	48 00	
Hannah R. Stanley . . .	28 00	
Thankful O. Trow . . .	48 00	
Caroline Williams . . .	48 00	
		$472 00
Due from State		$472 00

Payments under Chap. 252.

Paid William S. Sampson . .	$120 00	
Lysander M. Thompson . .	66 00	
Selden M. Washburn . .	72 00	
Joseph M. Whitman . .	62 00	
Charles Wright . . .	144 00	
		$464 00
Half due from State . . .	$232 00	
Half paid by town	232 00	
		$464 00

MILITARY BOUNTY.

Paid Sarah E. Gifford	$125 00

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid Justin Dimmick Post, G. A. R. . .	$100 00
Appropriation	$100 00

SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Paid T. S. H. Rounseville . .	$2 50	
F. W. French	2 00	
E. E. Edson	2 00	
Benj. Siddall	95 00	
Wm. H. Osborne . . .	37 20	
		$138 70
Unexpended		61 30
Appropriation		$200 00

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, ETC.

We have drawn orders for Samuel Keith, road commissioner	$4,568 90
Unexpended	131 10
Appropriations	$4,700 00

We have drawn orders for Committee on Public Library	$487 69
Unexpended	12 31
Appropriation	$500 00

SECURITY AGAINST FIRE.

Paid Wales Bros., pumps	$74 00	
L. W. Richards, pumping off water and moving lumber	4 00	
S. L. Seaver Hook and Ladder house	207 50	
Tirrell & Sons, H. & L. Truck, etc.	300 00	
H. Gurney, posts and setting	5 15	
		$590 65
Unexpended		119 35

APPROPRIATIONS.

For pumps	$210 00	
For H. and L. Truck	500 00	
		$710 00

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Paid Robert Young, auditor		$7 50
N. F. Dunphe, auditor		7 50
E. W. Nutter, superintendent of schools	$480 00	
E. W. Nutter, secretary of school committee	30 00	
		510 00
P. M. Griffin, school committee		81 37
Ezra Kingman, school committee	$32 50	
Ezra Kingman, teams	2 75	
		35 25

Paid Alfred Griffin, teams, school committee .		$35 75
M. L. Webber, teams, school committee	$29 50	
M. L. Webber, teams, school superintendent . . .	24 00	
M. L. Webber, sexton . .	35 75	
		89 25
George M. Keith, moderator .	$3 00	
George M. Keith, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor,	58 11	
		61 11
Eliab Latham, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor . .	$88 00	
Eliab Latham, team . . .	8 00	
		96 00
Henry Gurney, team . .	$5 00	
Henry Gurney, railroad fare .	14 90	
Henry Gurney, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor .	206 25	
		226 15
Benj. Siddall, posting warrants . . .		15 00
I. N. Nutter, treasurer		100 00
Robert O. Harris, registrar . . .		15 00
Amos Hunting "		12 50
E. S. Whitmarsh "		3 75
Frank Smith, town clerk . .	$65 10	
Frank Smith, collector, . .	177 00	
Frank Smith, registrar, . .	12 50	
		254 60
		$1,550 73
Unexpended		149 27

APPROPRIATIONS.

Town officers and committees . .	$1,200	
Superintendent of school . .	500	
		$1,700 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid A. Mudge & Son, printing reports	$110 20
D. W. Gurney, distributing reports	5 00
I. N. Nutter, office rent, 3 months	12 50
East Bridgewater Savings Bank, office rent, 9 months	112 50
Expressage	2 45
E. S. Whitmarsh, writing deed	1 00
Pratt Bros., printing	1 25
J. Burrell, "	14 20
Zebina Keith, land rent, hook and ladder house	31 50
E. L. Clark, labor on hook and ladder house,	3 50
Town of South Abington, tax	27 40
W. K. Churchill, postal cards	10 00
" " barrel kerosene oil	5 82
H. Gurney, carting gravel at well	7 50
" " postage and stationery	3 60
E. W. Nutter, " "	5 00
I. N. Nutter, " "	1 34
Amos Hunting, oil, etc.	2 38
Isadus Fuller, shingling hearse house	13 12
B. W. Keith, insurance	63 00
M. S. Curtis, sign for office	12 00
William H. Tobey, return of deaths	50
C. E. Field, " births	5 25
George Hunt, " "	3 50
	$454 51
Unexpended	145 49
Appropriation	$600 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Frank Smith, collector of taxes of 1884	$9 15
Joseph Ramsdell, poll tax	2 00
Herbert A. Swift, " " (not taxable)	2 00
Frank Smith, collector of taxes of 1885	39 20
	$52 35
Unexpended	72 65
Appropriation	$125 00

Paid Bailey W. Geary, damage on highway	$356 00
New schoolhouse	$1,025 00

No appropriations.

TRUST FUNDS.

LATHAM FUND.

A new pump has been placed in the well near the Satucket schoolhouse, at a cost to the town of $8.69, which amount has been drawn from this fund.

Present amount of fund	$524 37

ALDEN FUND.

A partial account of this fund was given in the last report.

Total amount of sale	$1,431 50
" expense attending sale	37 25
Leaving net amount of	$1,394 25

To form a permanent fund, the interest to be used "to aid with fuel, under the direction of the selectmen, needy and

deserving persons." Another sale of standing wood may be made during the present year.

Interest during the year	$70 69
From this amount has been distributed . .	46 25
Available Jan. 1, 1886	$24 44

LIST OF JURORS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Granville C. Allen.
Irving Bates.
Wellington Caldwell.
Edward E. Edson.
Henry Edson.
William Edson.
Hiram H. Erskine.
Francis Hayward.
Abbott T. Hewett.
Henry Hobart.
George B. Howland.
Samuel Keith.
Simeon C. Keith.
Isaac N. Nutter.
Nathan M. Pool.
F. Wilson Porter.
David Pratt.
L. Watts Richards.
William B. Ripley.
Samuel Shaw.
Kimball E. Sheldon.
George E. Skillings.
John S. Soper.
James N. Sweeting.
Charles Thrasher.
Benjamin Ward.
Noah A. Washburn.
Samuel C. White.
Eleazer Whitman.
William E. Whitman.
Charles W. Wixson.
George A. Wright.

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

VALUATION FOR 1885.

Real estate		$1,069,020 00
Personal estate		395,465 00
Total		$1,464,485 00
Town note due 1885	$2,286 48	
Town grant for 1885	19,785 00	
State tax	1,395 00	
County tax	1,730 23	
Overlay	556 56	
		$25,753 27
Deduct estimate from State		2,200 00
		$23,553 27

Rate of taxation, $15 per $1,000.

State tax on polls, $1, County tax on polls, $1, } $2 each.

Tax on real estate	$16,035 30	
" personal estate	5,931 97	
" 793 polls	1,586 00	
		$23,553 27

Houses taxed, 608.	Cows taxed, 304.
Acres of land, 9,882.	Oxen " 28.
Exemptions granted, 58,	Swine " 66.
Horses taxed, 348.	Sheep " 6.

Other cattle taxed, 48.

DEPARTMENT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Paid Amos Hunting, groceries	$332 15
G. C. Allen, grain	195 63
Benj. Ward, meat	94 03
L. F. Gammon, supplies	33 03
F. C. Nutter, goods	24 81
Joshua Dean, coal	57 50
F. P. Whitmarsh, shingling	99 37
E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr., clothing	13 00
H. O. Little, grenades	9 00
M. S. Curtis, painting	3 65
H. W. Sears, salary as warden	425 00
Dr. Asa Millet, salary as physician	50 00
From treasury	135 00
Amount of orders drawn	$1,472 17
Less cash paid selectmen	100 00
Net expense at almshouse	$1,372 17
Total number of inmates during the year	9
Present " "	9
Average " "	8
Tramps lodged and fed	42
Average cost per week for board	$3 26

PRESENT INMATES.

		Admitted.
Calvin Eaton,	86	1871
Lewis Wright,	85	1878
Sybil P. Dunbar,		1879
Ellen L. Edson,	29	1879
Hannah Dunn,		Nov., 1883
Robert Washburn,	31	June, 1884
Rebecca Cummings,	72	July, 1884
George Jenkins,	86	Returned March, 1885
James B. Osborne	41	Admitted Oct., 1885

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1885	$37 29
Received from sale of hay	107 85
" " stock	222 00
" team work	207 25
" sundry produce	14 25
Cash from treasurer	135 00
	$723 64

Cr.

Paid for fish	$26 66
for bread	6 51
" meat	3 85
" clothing	5 10
" sundries	6 60
" repairs and tools	82 01
" stock	100 00
" beds and bedding	48 00

Paid for supplies	$18 22	
" ice	8 13	
" labor	276 00	
Refunded to town	100 00	
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1886	42 56	
		$723 64

OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of N. S. Bouldry	$186 07
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Catherine Rogers	187 36
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Clara Washburn	177 56
City of Boston, aid to Mrs. F. C. Negus	10 00
City of Brockton, board of J. B. Osborne,	144 00
City of Brockton, aid to Henry A. Johnson,	50 00
City of Brockton, aid to Andrew P. Young,	20 25
City of Lowell, aid to Catherine Quinn	12 00
City of Lynn, aid to Conner's children	269 00
Town of Abington, aid to Mrs. Oscar Rumsey	83 25
aid to Alonzo S. Hathaway	15 00
Town of Acushnet, aid to John Phelps	11 50
Town of Hanson, aid to Mrs. E. Worthington	3 00
Town of Natick, aid to Hatch family	147 32
" " Pembroke $20 00	
" " Kingston 10 50	
aid to Augustus Vickery	30 50
Town of Raynham 6 00	
Amos Hunting 7 00	
aid to A. L. Darling	13 00

Paid E. E. Edson	$2 35	
L. Holbrook	13 00	
Joshua Dean	6 50	
aid to Mrs. Oliver Barrows		$21 85
Amos Hunting, aid to Mrs. W. U. Brett		104 00
Aid to Mrs. S. R. Frost		118 32
Aid to J. H. Chadwick		52 38
Hiram Wade	75 00	
G. N. Holmes & Co.	38 18	
Beals & Wilder	6 02	
City of Brockton	3 75	
aid to Mrs. Coulter		122 95
Joshua Dean, coal, Mrs. Dugan		8 22
Mrs. A. A. Harding, aid for child		48 00
Stephen Griggs	5 00	
C. E. Hooper	8 75	
Henry Gurney	5 50	
aid to Richard S. Higgins		19 25
N. K. Richardson, board of Mrs. Sally Packard		104 00
Amos Hunting	13 00	
E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr.	9 25	
aid to O'Brien Quigley		22 25
S. D. Shaw	43 80	
S. Harlow	5 00	
Z. A. Jenkins	4 00	
aid to Marcus Temple		52 80
Alonzo Sharp	25 50	
C. S. Whitman.	18 00	
Eliab Latham	3 16	
Charles A. Latham	26 78	
Dr. George Hunt	7 00	

Paid Elijah Hinkley . . .	$4 50	
aid to E. F. Washburn and mother		$84 94
James H. Hill, aid Mrs. Philetta Washburn		65 00
Town treasurer, cash refunded . . .		12 00
Total amount of orders drawn . . .		$2,205 77
Deduct cash	$12 00	
Received from Marlboro, — Temple .	58 80	
Due from South Abington . .	45 45	
		116 25
Net expenses outside poor		$2,089 52
" " at almshouse		1,372 17
Total amount net		$3,461 69
Appropriation		3,000 00
Excess of expenditure		$461 69

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

Overseers of the Poor:

Gentlemen, — Another year has passed, and I again wish to call your attention and that of the inhabitants of the town to the condition of the inmates of the almshouse and their further needs. We now have the same number of female inmates as last year, and nearly in the same condition. They are all comparatively in good physical condition, and as comfortable and happy as persons in their circumstances can be. Mrs. Cummings, who came to us in quite feeble health, is now much better, and is very grateful for the comforts that she enjoys.

We have five male inmates, four of whom were here last year.

Three of these are old men in as good health as people of their age can be expected to be; and I have no doubt they would enjoy better health and far more of happiness could they feel that the support and care they have were the free gift of kind neighbors and friends, rather than a sort of prison the town was obliged to bestow upon them.

The fourth male inmate, R. W., who is suffering from hereditary mental derangement, is probably incurable; but I am happy to be able to say that for a few months past he has been more quiet and seems to enjoy himself better, and I have no doubt he would be further improved with more suitable surroundings.

The fifth male inmate, J. O., is an unfortunate young man

who came here the last of October. He is afflicted with some disease (probably a tumor) of the base of the brain. He has had convulsions; but since he came here, he has improved, having had but one. This fact might make us hopeful of his recovery; but I can regard it only as a temporary improvement.

Your almshouse is now a model of neatness and comfort, as far as it can be in its present condition.

Your Warden and Wardeness are, no doubt, doing their whole duty. Their labors might be greatly lessened and the good of the inmates much improved by an improved condition of the house. The admission of good water upon the premises, which may be done at small expense; and the provision for bathing, for the accommodation of the family of the Warden, and separately for both male and female inmates, are absolutely needful.

I cannot help congratulating you and the inhabitants of the town upon the great improvement made in the almshouse during the past two years.

And yet I should be neglectful of my duty did I not say there are other improvements necessary, if we are to provide for our insane poor in the almshouse. The very crowded condition of all our public insane hospitals makes it necessary that all the harmless incurable insane should be taken care of in our almshouses, or by being boarded out in suitable private families.

It will certainly be the part of prudence for the town to deliberately consider what is the best course for them to pursue, and to make such alterations in their present house as the exigencies of the times require.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MILLET.

SUMMARY.

Amount of Orders Drawn.

For State aid, Chap. 301	$472 00
Military aid, Chap. 252	464 00
" bounty	125 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves	100 00
Suppression of crime	138 70
Road commissioners	4,568 90
Committee on library	487 69
New schoolhouse	1,025 00
Security against fire	590 65
Town officers and committees	1,550 73
Incidental expenses	454 51
Abatement of taxes	52 35
Damage on highway	356 00
Support of poor at almshouse	1,472 17
" " " outside	2,205 77
	$14,063 47

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

We have endeavored to settle all bills incurred during the year past, and we know of none unpaid.

The town has no debt, and except the claim before referred to, we know of no liability.

Assets.

Cash in treasury	$767 63
Due from State, State aid paid	704 00
" " collector	179 10
" " South Abington	45 45
	$1,696 18

The amount received from the State treasurer on account of tax on shares in national banks held by citizens of this town is $101.40 less than the amount received last year, owing to the fact that the Boston banks paid their tax under protest, and the city treasurer has not paid into the State treasury the amount of tax on shares held by non-residents. It is quite probable the town will eventually receive the amount so withheld.

Believing, as we do, that if we confine our appropriations to our actual needs, that our burden of taxation may be much lighter (and leaving to the School Committee the estimates for school purposes, which may be found in their report), we submit the following sums for your consideration, as the amount needed to be raised for the present year: —

For Highways	$2,500 00
Bridges and culverts	500 00
Sidewalks	300 00
Removal of snow	250 00
Town officers and committees	1,200 00
Support of poor	3,000 00
Suppression of crime	100 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves	100 00
Abatement of taxes	100 00
Incidental expenses	500 00
Public Library	500 00

HENRY GUERNEY,
ELIAB LATHAM,
GEO. M KEITH,

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

Paid the following persons for labor and material on highways, bridges, and sidewalks: —

Fred E. Ames	$1 50
G. C. Allen	117 47
C. A. Benson	26 60
Jarvis Burrell	1 75
W. E. Bowman	8 25
Charles E. Brown	62 00
Reuben Bates	9 80
Charles H. Brown	6 95
Reed Bros.	1 00
B. P. Beals	3 75
Edward Carr	20 60
George L. Chamberlain	239 90
Patrick Carroll	4 85
Edward Campbell	42 30
John Curley	22 50
E. L. Clark	193 12
Thomas Condon	1 50
Patrick Condon	2 25
John Cummins	78 50
Dennis Curran	283 75
James F. Cook	3 35
L. P. Daniels	7 50
Daniel Desmond	164 25
Marcellus Day	136 00
Herbert Edson	4 50

D. F. Edson	$7 80
Isadas Fuller	19 10
George L. French	5 25
Frank French	4 50
William Fitzgerald	24 75
George A. Goodyear	6 93
William Green	32 33
D. W. Gurney	27 50
L. F. Gammons	27 90
D. H. Gurney	22 50
Henry Gurney	16 50
John Howland	30 30
Francis Hayward	107 90
Reuben Harden	72 30
Chester Hale	2 50
J. B. Harden	87 57
Michael Hennessey	89 39
Edward Hill	52 65
Geo. F. Hayward	7 89
Waldo Hayward	45 23
Zina Hayward	1 50
Luther Harden	36 00
Henry A. Howe	6 25
Damon Hoyt	4 50
Noah Harden	16 50
Geo. S. Harlow	10 50
Stephen Harlow	63 13
P. H. Howe	33 75
A. T. Hewett	5 00
Mrs. Geo. W. Harden	2 50
Zenas A. Jenkins	29 55
Wm. M. Judkins	6 80

H. C. Keith	$134 28
Samuel Keith	239 00
F. L. Keith	5 25
Wm. Keene	11 60
Eliab Latham	205 54
J. W. Latham	163 70
Galen Latham	58 60
Joseph M. Loucraft	199 75
Patrick Luddy	17 25
R. A. Lincoln	11 63
A. W. Leach	9 80
R. A. Littlefield	19 20
Timothy Murphy	166 65
James Manning	2 25
Cyrus Munroe	4 50
Jerry Mahoney	7 50
F. A. Nash	7 68
Henry Osborne	6 00
Nat'l Perkins	3 60
Martin Parris	15 25
David Roach	48 60
James Roach	6 00
Lewis Raymond	16 80
Henry Rogers	1 50
John Shepard	65 40
E. F. Sampson	53 15
C. W. Siddall	56 46
H. W. Sears	155 25
Edward Sharp	2 25
A. P. Sturtevant	1 75
Martin Sumner	7 43
David Tower	34 65

Chas. Thrasher	$16 50
C. C. Thayer	9 98
East Bridgewater Iron Co.	22 48
C. W. Wixon	86 38
E. Whitmarsh	1 50
C. S. Whitman	24 75
Galen Willis	34 67
M. L. Webber	6 00
Old Colony Railroad Co.	24 31
Geo. Tyler, road machine	211 10
	$4,526 45
Received selectmen's orders to amount of	$4,526 45

Of the above Amount,

$2,599 11	has been spent on highways.
516 40	" " " " bridges.
480 94	" " " on sidewalks.
500 00	has been spent on brickyard road.
215 00	" " " for road scraper.

$215.00 has been spent on road at Northville, as laid out by the county commissioners, for which no appropriation was made.

The appropriations were: —

For Highways	$3,000 00
Bridges	500 00
Sidewalks	500 00
Brickyard road	500 00
	$4,500 00

Paid for removing snow from road and sidewalk,

H. Erskine	$2 00

Oliver Pratt	$3 80
M. P. Hudson	2 70
H. C. Keith	50
David Roach	5 00
J. S. Eastman	3 20
Francis Hayward	1 40
Daniel Desmond	3 40
D. W. Gurney	2 00
Wm. Keene	50
S. L. Seaver, material and labor on four snow-ploughs	13 95
C. W. Siddall, ironing ploughs . . .	4 00
	$42 45
Received selectmen's orders amount of . .	$42 45

SAMUEL KEITH,
CHAS. W. WIXSON,
J. H. LATHAM,

Road Commissioners of Town of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The committee which last year consisted of three members was increased to five members, Mrs. Henry Hobart and Mrs. Jas. S. Allen being appointed by the selectmen, and the three gentlemen who served last year being reappointed.

The committee organized May 6, 1885, by choosing Ezra Kingman, chairman, and I. N. Nutter, secretary and treasurer.

In April, the library was removed to the room leased by the town in the bank building, making it more convenient for the public, as the new room has the advantage of being on the ground floor, and also has steam heat, and is lighted by gas.

The increased demand for books led the committee to consider the subject of having the library open more frequently than was arranged when first opened to the public; and since June last it has been open on each Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 5 o'clock, and on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday evenings from 6 to 8 o'clock.

The town owns a large number of volumes, consisting of Massachusetts Reports, Old Colony Records, and other valuable works, which the committee considered should be placed in the library; and at a meeting held May 16, the following vote was passed and a copy transmitted to the selectmen: —

"Voted, that the selectmen be requested to remove all books belonging to the town to the room in which the library is kept."

The books referred to have not yet been placed in the library, but it is hoped they soon may be.

The number of volumes now in the library is one thousand and forty-three, having been increased two hundred and sixty-five by purchase, and quite a number have been added by donations.

Public documents have been presented during the year by Hon. B. W. Harris, Hon. Jas. S. Allen, and Hon. Horace Reed.

Number of books given out from Jan. 1, 1885, to Jan. 1, 1886	6,848
Largest number on any day	100
Smallest number on any day	12
Average number	44.75

Cards have been issued during the year to 214 new patrons.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1885: —

Appropriation by the town	$580 00
Cash in hands of committee	7 92
Cash of librarian, amount of fines collected	20 40
	$528 32

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for books purchased	$269 30
For magazines	23 88
Mary T. Rogers, librarian	79 83
Charles L. Nutter, care of room	3 75
Robert Young, moving bookcases and books	5 00
Mary T. Rogers, supplies furnished	88
Gammons & Nutter, supplies	4 00
I. N. Nutter, fuel and cash paid	3 82

Paid J. Burrell, catalogues and printing	$90 40
Alger & Co.'s Express	3 75
Old Colony Railroad Co.	65
F. C. Nutter, supplies	4 83
S. Roebuck, screens	3 65
	$493 74
Balance of appropriation unexpended	15 08
Cash on hand	19 50
	$528 32

I. N. NUTTER, *Sec.*,
for the Committee.

East Bridgewater, Feb. 11, 1886.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

1885.		
Jan. 1.	Cash on hand	$282 72
8.	E. B. Band	6 00
26.	Prof. Taylor	5 00
Feb. 6,7.	Unitarian Society	12 00
19.	Memphis Jubilee Singers	10 00
24.	E. B. Band	6 00
March 4.	Unitarian Society	5 00
27.	Elmwood Dramatic Co.	5 00
April 6.	W. Duane	10 00
16.	Unitarian Society	5 00
17.	J. Lyons	10 00

April 24.	Unitarian Society	$6 00
May 15.	James McHugh	10 00
June 10.	Hanoverian Family	10 00
24.	Unitarian Society	5 00
Sept. 16 and 17.	Unitarian Sewing Circle .	12 00
18.	Robert J. Mitchell	8 00
Oct. 6.	E. B. Band	5 00
15 and 16.	Ladies' Relief Corps . .	12 00
30.	Hanoverian Family	10 00
31.	Lecture	5 00
Nov. 21.	C. B. Dobson	10 00
25.	E. B. Band	5 00
Dec. 3.	Lecture L. H.	3 00
16.	Lecture	5 00
22.	K. of L., L. H.	3 00
25.	Unitarian Society, L. H. . . .	3 00
29.	M. Dorey	8 00
30.	High School	5 00
		$481 72

EXPENDITURES.

1885.

Feb. 9.	Isadas Fuller, janitor .	$3 50
Mch. 11.	" " " .	8 50
April 4.	" " " .	4 50
15.	Mrs. Murphy, cleaning .	3 90
May 2.	Isadas Fuller, janitor .	7 00
11.	John Hobart, coal . .	1 10
16.	Hand Grenades . .	9 00
July 3.	Isadas Fuller, janitor .	5 00
10.	L. F. Gammons, oil, etc. .	8 40
Oct. 2.	Isadas Fuller, janitor .	7 00
Nov. 2.	" " " .	7 50

Nov. 9.	Labor and stock, repairs .	$9 25		
20.	Joshua Dean, coal . .	13 00		
24.	Mrs. Barton, cleaning .	5 00		
Dec. 2.	Isadas Fuller, janitor .	4 75		
1886.				
Jan. 1.	L. F. Gammons, supplies,	8 25		
1.	Isadas Fuller, janitor and repairs . . .	11 50		
1.	F. Smith, Sec'y and Treas. Com.	10 00		
1.	F. Smith, wax for floor .	1 25		
			$128	40
1.	Cash on hand		353	32
			$481	72

AMOS HUNTING,
FRED E. TROW,
FRANK SMITH,
Town Hall Committee.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Town Treasurer*,
in account with town of EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1885.		DR.	
Feb.	7.	Balance as per previous report .	$2,165 55
	12.	Selectmen, for cattle sold from town farm	100 00
	25.	Building committee of Beaver schoolhouse, balance of amount received for land and old building	290 00
		Frank Smith, collector on account, tax of 1884	62 23
March	14.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of	982 00
	28.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of	1,000 00
April	3.	East Bridgewater Cemetery Association, for land formerly occupied by E. Primary schoolhouse .	32 50
May	2.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of	2,000 00
	16.	Town of West Bridgewater, tuition pupils in Beaver school . .	89 52
	25.	C. E. Hooper, for release of real estate, taxed to B. F. Jackson, sold by collector . . .	11 52
June	8.	State treasurer, borrowed of . .	2,000 00

June	15.	State treasurer, borrowed of .	$2,000 00
July	25.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of	1,000 00
Aug.	15.	Frank Smith, collector balance of tax of 1884	14 65
	6.	Andrew H. Ward, for release of real estate taxed to Geo. W. Dean, sold by collector . .	17 71
	26.	Brockton National Bank, borrowed of	1,000 00
Nov.	9.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of	1,500 00
Dec.	4.	Abington Mutual Insurance Company, on exchange of policies .	22 00
	5.	State treasurer, corporation tax .	1,578 09
		State treasurer, national bank tax .	703 79
		State treasurer, State aid . .	644 00
1886.			
Jan.	2.	Town of West Bridgewater, tuition of scholars in Beaver school .	145 36
		Timothy Reed, on acct. Alden fund,	230 02
	6.	Town of Marlboro', aid to Marcus Temple	58 80
		Amount of town order, No. 45 of 1883, cancelled	4 00
	25.	State treasurer, income of school fund	175 58
	27.	County treasurer, dividend on dog tax	296 62
		Selectmen, amount refunded to town,	12 00
		Frank Smith, collector, on account of tax of 1885	23,454 24
			$41,590 18

1885.		Cr.	
Aug.	26.	Brockton National Bank, interest .	$5 78
	27.	Town of Hanson, tax . . .	20
Sept.	30.	State treasurer, two notes given by town	4,000 00
		State treasurer, interest on two notes	39 54
Oct.	1.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note	2,286 48
		East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note	982 00
		East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note	1,000 00
		East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note	2,000 00
		East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note	1,000 00
		East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest on five notes . . .	148 60
	15.	Brockton National Bank, note .	1,000 00
Dec.	5.	State treasurer, State tax . .	1,395 00
		County treasurer, county tax .	1,730 23
1886.			
Jan.	9.	Selectmen, amount received on account Alden fund . . .	230 02
	16.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note	1,500 00
		East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest	11 00
		Tax of 1885, on real estate held by town by deed from collector (Abby Farrar estate) . . .	3 75

Jan.	16.	Orders drawn by selectmen . .	$14,063 47
		Orders drawn by school committee,	9,426 48
			$40,822 55
Cash on hand			767 63
			$41,590 18

I. N. NUTTER,
Town Treasurer.

East Bridgewater, Mass., Feb. 12, 1886.

Note. — Since preparing the above report, the Treasurer has received of the Collector, $168.84; making a total of $23,623.08.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

FRANK SMITH, *Collector*,
In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1884.	DR.	
To amount uncollected, 1884		$14 53
" " interest collected		12
		$14 65
	CR.	
By amount paid treasurer		$14 65

1885.	DR.	
To amount committed		$23,553 27
" " interest collected		83 86
		$23,637 13
	CR.	
By amount paid treasurer		$23,623 08
" " uncollected		14 05
		$23,637 13

FRANK SMITH,
Collector.

FEB. 22, 1886.

ABATEMENTS ON TAX OF 1885.

Frederic C. Churchill, residence unknown	$3 20
Edward F. Davis, sick, unable to pay	2 00
William Drew, left the State	2 00
Charles G. Littlefield, " "	2 00

J. Edward Waterman, left the State	$2 00
James H. Young, " "	2 00
Marion Morey, residence unknown	2 00
Daniel Hines, taxed in South Abington	2 00
Richard B. Sturtevant, " Brockton	2 00
Clarence A. Wright, " New Hampshire	2 00
Wm. H. Kingston, sick, unable to pay	2 00
Wm. C. Robinson, " "	2 00
John D. Mason's heirs, " "	12 00
George I. Downie, not taxable	2 00
	$39 20

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Treasurer and Collector of the Town of East Bridgewater for the year ending Jan. 31, 1886, and have the honor to report as follows:—

SELECTMEN, ETC.

Amount of orders drawn on the treasurer	$14,063 47
Amount of orders paid by the treasurer	14,063 47

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on the treasurer	$9,426 48
Amount of orders paid by the treasurer	9,426 48

TREASURER.

Amount received during the year	$41,590 18
Amount paid out during the year	40,822 55
Cash on hand	$767 63

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection . . .	$23,553 27
Interest	80 07
	$23,633 34
Amount paid to treasurer	23,454 24
Uncollected taxes	$179 50
Amount collected, balance of tax, year 1884 .	14 53
Interest	12
Amount paid to treasurer	14 65

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT.

Amount received during the year . . .	$723 64
Amount paid out during the year (including $100 refunded to the town) . . .	681 08
Cash on hand	$42 56

The books and accounts are in excellent condition, and vouchers and receipts for the above amounts have been exhibited.

Total valuation, $1,464,485.

Respectfully submitted,

N. F. DUNPHE,

Auditor.

East Bridgewater, Mass., Feb. 18, 1886.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

Forty-one marriages have been recorded during the year 1885.

Date.		Name of Groom and Bride and Residence.
1885.		
Jan.	1.	Horace Atwell, of Duxbury, and Mary A. Barry, of West Bridgewater. By Rev. Timothy O. Paine.
	11.	Lewis P. Daniels, of Boston, and Catharine McHugh, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. William E. Kelly.
	13.	James Riordon and Annie Maguire, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. William E. Kelly.
	15.	James McGrath and Bridget Foley, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. William E. Kelly.
Feb.	14.	Milton Carter Thayer, of West Bridgewater, and Deborah Reid Willis, of Hanover. By Rev. Timothy O. Paine.
Mar.	31.	Ezra Scott Whitmarsh, Jr., of East Bridgewater, and Lucy Clements Tooker, of Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
April	16.	George Mills and Rebecca A. Hayward, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. E. S. Fletcher.
	26.	Byron S. Spiller, of Brockton, and Lillian F. Rothwell, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. L. L. Ferris.

May 13. Arthur F. Sampson and Lydia A. Arnold, both of Hanson, by Rev. E. S. Fletcher.

13. Walter Lewis Benson and Abby Curtis Shaw, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Timothy O. Paine.

17. Walter O. Monroe, of East Bridgewater, and Lydia J. Chamberlain, of Hanson, by Rev. J. W. Quinby.

20. Thomas A. Whiteley, of Boston, and Sophronia S. Parker, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. E. S. Fletcher.

28. Elmer O. Reed and Julia A. Allen, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Samuel L. Beal.

31. William H. Leary, of Waterbury, Conn., and Mary A. Roach, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.

31. Charles H. Sherman, of South Abington, and Deborah M. Nicoll, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Samuel Bell.

June 14. Arthur D. P. Butler, of Halifax, and Mabel F. Howe. of Hanson. By Rev. E. S. Fletcher.

17. John F. Freeman of West Bridgewater, and Lizzie H. Shipman, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. F. A. Warfield.

28. Walter G. Kingman and Mary Lyons, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.

29. Henry Hastings Grant, of La Porte, Ind., and Isabel Paine, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Timothy O. Paine.

July 30. Michael Swift and Ellen Winn, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. William E. Kelly.

Aug. 6. William Reardon, of East Bridgewater, and Lizzie F. Hayes, of Boston. By Rev. N. J. Murphy.

16. Alonzo Sharp and Harriet M. Brown, both of East Bridgewater. By Jessie E. Keith, Esq.

16. Benjamin N. Keen and Hattie C. Sampson, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. L. L. Ward.

30. Timothy Quill and Hannah Dillon, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.

Sept. 6. Thomas H. Churchill, of West Bridgewater, and Carry M. Brett, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Timothy O. Paine.

13. William Dyer, of Weymouth, and Josephine L. George, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Perley M. Griffin.

Oct. 15. Maurice Sheehan and Margaret Elligott, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. William E Kelly.

29. Manuel Silva and Mary Winn, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. William E. Kelly.

Nov. 8. George Hudson, of East Bridgewater, and Laura Martin, of West Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Nov. 15. George H. Ferguson and Mary E. Cameron, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. E. S. Fletcher.

17. Michael Gaucher and Nellie McHugh, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev, John A. Conlin.

17. James F. Anderson, of Rockland, and Helen D. Wentworth, of East Bridgewater, by Rev. J. W. Quinby.

19. Frank O. Keith and Alice M. Burrill, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. J. W. Quimby.

Nov. 22. John Sullivan, of East Bridgewater, and Mary Murphy, of Bridgewater, by Rev. John A. Conlin.

Dec. 1. George A. Clift, of South Abington and Agnes A. Voigt, of East Bridgewater, by Rev. Perley M. Griffin.

13. Henry E. Stetson, of South Abington and Coraette J. Ford, of Hanson, by Rev. J. W. Quinby.

19. Edwin W. Jaquith and Georgianna T. Swain, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. O. D. Thomas.

22. Silas Edwin Millett, of Brockton, and Malvina S. Kingman, of East Bridgewater, by Rev. J. O. Knowles.

30. Albert C. White, of East Bridgewater, and Henrietta F. Clark, of West Bridgewater, by Rev. J. W. Quinby.

31. Joseph J. Kingston and Alice Barrett, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. William E. Kelly.

31. Joseph Forsythe, of East Bridgewater, and Eugenie Bernard, of Fall River, by Rev. P. H. Feron.

FRANK SMITH,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1885.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Parents' Names.
1885.		
Jan. 2....	James Ward Carroll	Maurice and Mary.
" 4....	Grace Clifton Bouldry.....	Thomas H. and Celia W.
" 7....	Henry Elliot Clark.....	Andrew and Jane.
" 14....	John Hewett Ames	John and Delia.
" 15....	William Henry Geary.....	Daniel and Mary.
" 17....	Arthur Ellsworth Ramsdell...	Aaron E. and Anna E.
" 18....	Mary Catharine Barrett.....	Samuel W. and Nellie E.
" 20....	Anna Amelia Hutchinson.....	Herbert F. and Fannie E.
" 21....	Frederic Howard Paine	Howard and Mary F.
" 28....	William Henry Manning.....	John and Mary.
Feb. 23....	Estelle Carleton Beals	George G. and Harriet J.
" 28....	Helen Mason Washburn.....	Selden M. and Rebecca L.
March 3....	Carl Curtis Poole	Peregrine W. and Jennie E.
" 5....	Catharine Dillon.....	James and Annie.
" 10....	Patrick Foley.....	Patrick and Mary.
" 11....	William Elliot Hunt.....	George and Lillian A.
" 12....	Mary Alice Swift	Timothy and Mary.
" 14....	Daniel Boynton Jones.....	Joseph D. and Jeanette J.
" 31....	Ralph Hayward Soper.....	John S. and Lovina H.
April 7....	Alice Weston Chamberlain ...	George and Etta M.
" 8....	Abby Malvina Ledurantay....	Cyrus and Celina.
" 21....	Leora Frances Darrow.....	Henry O. and Jennie.
" 24....	—— Gadbois	Hezemaire and Eliza.
" 30....	Lena Adelaide Green.....	William A. and Carrie F.
May 4....	Lawrence Felton Pratt.....	Charles W. and Ella A.
June 4....	Harry Murdock Jenness.....	G. Butler and Nellie M.
" 18....	—— Drake.....	Waldo A. and Hannah A.
" 24....	Catharine Condon.....	Thomas and Kate.
" 30....	Flora May Hodgdon.....	Chandler and Sophia O.
July 11....	Allan Jordan	John F. and Ella P.
" 13....	Clifford Tillson Ward.....	Stillman W. and Edith M.
Aug. 6....	Martin Ward Dillon.....	John and Sarah
" 6....	Alton Ellsworth Hunt.....	Frank E. and Mary A.
" 7....	Catharine Winn.....	Bernard and Mary.
" 7....	Edith Constance Keith.....	Eugene F. and Helen M.
" 15....	Mary Catharine Burke	Michael and Ellen.
" 26....	Chester Willis Joyce.....	G.W. Nelson and Angenette.
Sept. 2....	Margaret Agnes Timmons....	James and Kate A.
" 5....	Everett Hobart Judkins.....	Walter V. and Emma.
" 7....	Fannie Nelson Ward.....	Eliab N. and Grace.
" 8....	Richard Edson Shaw.....	Walter and Mary A.
" 22....	—— Willis	John and Jane.
" 29....	Alice Catharine Campbell	Lot and Mary.
Oct. 11....	—— Sandridge	George and Nannie.
" 12 ...	Michael Sheahan.....	Simon and Kate.
" 20....	William Bradford Alden.....	Frank and Emma.
" 30....	—— Hutchins	John W. and Delia M.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1885, *Continued.*

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Parents' Names.
Nov. 1....	John Dillon	Patrick and Kate.
" 24....	Archie Bernier.....	Zepherin and Marie.
" 30....	James Henry Feeney.....	Michael, Jr. and Mary.
Dec. 3....	Herbert Forrest Wood	Albert S. and Hannah D.
" 9....	Elmer Herbert Brown.....	George E. and Frances K.
" 11....	Mary Katharine White.....	John D. and Alice M.
" 31....	Thomas Thibeault	Nazaire and Mary.
1884.		
May 14....	Louis Edmund Allen.....	Charles E. and Flora E.
Oct. 12....	Maud Caroline Keith.....	Samuel E. and Flora A.
Nov. 26....	Ada Micheaux.....	Joseph and Hermaline.
1883.		
July 7....	Herbert Oliver Darrow.....	Henry O. and Jennie.

Whole number of Births in 1885, 54: Males, 29; Females, 25.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1885.

Date of Death.	Name.	Age.			Disease or Cause of Death.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1885.					
Jan. 1,	Hannah R. Washburn...	49	2	5	Peritonitis.
" 2,	Bridget Carroll.....	66			Jaundice.
Feb. 6,	Minerva Kingman.....	82	10	27	Congestion of Lungs.
" 16,	Abby Sanford.....	77	11	7	Heart Disease.
" 19,	Elbridge F. Washburn..	30	5	15	Typhoid Pneumonia.
March 1,	Betsey P. Monroe.....	54	5	21	Paralysis.
" 3,	Ann Maria Bates.....	76		12	Senile Decay.
" 14,	Edgar Worcester.....		10	5	Acute Bronchitis.
" 21,	Silence Soule	88	5	2	Old Age.
" 29,	Oliver C. Barrows.....	49			Heart Disease.
" 30,	Alvan Rogers	82	8		Old Age.
April 7,	Emily Smith	72	11	3	Old Age.
" 27,	Ira Drake.....	92	6	10	Old Age.
May 5,	Lydia B. Ellis.....	66	1	25	Organic Dis. of Liver.
" 26,	Hannah A. Vosmus.....	21	7	...	Phthisis.
June 4,	David S. Gurney	69	2	25	Angina Pectoris.
" 8,	Freeman Cushman.....	68	6	20	Hepatitis.
" 15,	Sarah B. Brown.....	70	3	7	Dropsy.
" 20,	Maria Lea Thibeault....	1		3	Teething.
" 24,	Boadicea T. Leonard...	67	3		Fistula.
" 30,	Mary Wentworth.....	51	11	5	Epilepsy.
July 5,	Samuel W. Tillson	83	9	3	Old Age.
" 10,	William H. Manning....		5	12	Cholera Infantum.
" 15,	Calvin Hatch.....	81	7	4	Senile Decay.
" 15,	John O. Howland	48	6	20	Neuralgia of Heart.
Aug. 3,	James Ward Carroll....		7	1	Cholera Infantum.
" 13,	Eliza A. Dyson.....	32	1	5	Consumption.
" 14,	Ellen P. Carver	1		10	Congestion of Brain.
" 18,	Catharine Quigley.....	11	10	12	Consumpt'n of Blood.
" 21,	Desire V. Soule	65	6		Angina Pectoris.
" 28,	Mary E. Wing.....	55	7	14	Paralysis.
" 29,	Mabel I. Kingman.....		8	21	Cholera Infantum.
Sept. 5,	Simeon Richmond.....	89	2	1	Dis. of Pr'st'te Gland.
" 5,	Annie E. English.....	44	5	19	Consumption.
" 11,	John Lane	73	7	23	Paralysis of Heart.
" 16,	Abigail D. Hersey.....	94	1	6	Old Age.
" 24,	—— Willis.....			2	Atalectasis.
Oct. 9,	Lucy C. Chandler.....	1	9	5	Congestion of Brain.
" 15,	Mary Maguire.....	70			Congestion of Lungs.
" 31,	Phebe Richmond.....	90	8	11	Old Age.
Nov. 3,	Harriet A. Dyson.....	25	11	16	Consumption.
" 7,	Samuel Beals.....	69	10	26	Rheumatism.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1885, *Continued.*

Date of Death.	Name.	Age.			Disease or Cause of Death.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
Nov. 27,	Ruth Torrey	91			Old Age.
Dec. 2,	Obadiah West.....	73	11	12	Congestion of Lungs.
" 6,	Bridget Duggan	88			Heart Disease.
" 10,	Herbert F. Wood.....			7	Bronchitis.
" 24,	Jacob Folsom.....	82	1	6	Old Age.

Whole number of deaths in 1885, 47.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

PLYMOUTH, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of East Bridgewater, in the County of Plymouth, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of East Bridgewater, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said town, on Monday, the eighth day of March next, at 1 o'clock P. M., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit: —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To hear and act upon the reports of town officers and committees.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to pay all town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 6. To adopt some method for the collection of taxes.

ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes, to use all means for the collection of taxes, which a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 8. To act upon a list of jurors as proposed by the selectmen.

ART. 9. To vote upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Art. 10. To take action in the suit of Ella F. Sturtevant *v.* town of East Bridgewater.

Art. 11. To see if town will raise a sum not exceeding $350 for the purchase of a hearse. (By request.)

Art. 12. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Sects. 64 to 69 of Chap. 27 of Public Statutes in regard to selectmen. (By request.)

Art. 13. To act upon any other business that may come before the meeting.

Art. 14. To take action in relation land of Bela Thaxter. (By request.)

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up a copy thereof at the post-offices, and also, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said East Bridgewater, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

HENRY GURNEY,
ELIAB LATHAM,
GEORGE M. KEITH,

Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER

FOR

1885-6.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

No change has occurred during the past year in either the *personnel* or the organization of the committee.

At the annual town meeting, E. W. Nutter was re-elected for a term of three years, and at the first subsequent meeting of the committee he was appointed superintendent for the ensuing year. The latter office, however, he resigned at the first of the present month to assume the duties of postmaster.

SUPERVISION.

The year being so near its close, the committee did not deem it advisable to appoint, at present, a successor to Mr. Nutter in the office of superintendent, but chose rather to leave the vacancy unfilled and await the action of the town at its annual meeting.

They would, however, strongly urge that the town continue its present policy in having its schools under constant supervision by a superintendent fitted for his work by a thorough knowledge of all that is valuable in modern methods and appliances for teaching.

The committee are unable to suggest the name of any person in this community who has the requisite qualifications, and whose services could be secured for the position, and they see but one way to make good the loss sustained by the resignation of Mr. Nutter. That way is for the town, by its vote, to join with some neighboring town (as Bridgewater, for instance) in forming a district, and thus unitedly employing a superintendent, as provided by the statute.

Should such an arrangement be entered into by the two towns, the committee believe that the services of a thoroughly competent man could be secured, who would devote his whole time to the work of supervising and improving the schools, and the expense to this town be little, if any, more than that of the last year.

The *importance* of skilled supervision in a system of schools like our own is a question which ought to require little discussion in communities where the power of organized effort under the leadership of single minds finds illustration on every hand. In this age it is not sufficient that a work be done in *some* way, but it must be done in *the best* way.

It is not enough for a manufacturer that his factory be opened and run in *some* fashion every day. He wants it managed to *his advantage*, and to the very best advantage possible. And to do this he must have competent superintendents as well as good workmen.

To be sure, the committee may and do exercise a certain supervision over the schools. But no committee could be chosen who would all be practical educators, trained in the work of teaching, and thoroughly familiar with the various methods which have been and are being employed, or who could spare the time to visit among the best schools of other places, and thus keep abreast of the progress of the present day in matters of education.

While the present committee do not plead incompetency for the work for which they were chosen, they do claim that the services of a thoroughly trained superintendent, who could give his whole time and thought to the matter, would ten times repay the cost in the increased efficiency of our schools.

TEACHERS.

The policy of the committee in the appointment of teachers has been to employ only those who by training and experience were thoroughly fitted for their work, and their search for such teachers has, in the main, been successful.

The committee congratulate the people of the town upon the efficiency of the corps of teachers in service in the schools at the writing of this report, and trust that they may be able to retain them in their present positions.

But, while the salaries now being paid our teachers are up to the average of those of other towns of the size of this, they are not equal to those of larger towns and cities, and in consequence thereof several excellent teachers have left us during the year to accept more remunerative positions elsewhere.

The vacancies caused by these resignations, some of them in term-time, were difficult to fill, and caused serious interruption to the work of the schools.

Some teachers have been removed during the year for reasons which seem to the committee good and sufficient. Believing that frequent changes of teachers are injurious to the schools, the committee have been reluctant to make such changes, except in cases where the welfare of the schools seemed imperatively to demand it. The removals have not all been upon the ground of general incompetency on the part of the teacher. On the contrary, in one or two instances teachers have been removed in whose general ability as instructors the committee had the fullest confidence. But when, from any cause, a teacher loses control of her school, or the school comes into such a condition that it is failing to do the work required of it, then it becomes the duty of the committee to take such measures as are necessary

to restore that school to good working order. If, then, the teacher in charge of such school fails, upon reasonable trial, to bring about the required reformation by methods of her own, and either *declines* or *neglects* to adopt the methods suggested by the committee, there is but one alternative left to the committee, viz., either to let the school go on in disorder, or to dismiss the teacher and place some one in charge who has the ability to restore it to its proper condition.

The committee have thought it their duty to pursue the latter course, and have done so, conscientiously and firmly, often at the sacrifice of their own personal preference, simply because they felt that the welfare of the schools demanded it, and because they believe that the public good is always to be held superior to any considerations of personal friendship or personal interest.

And although the action of the committee has, perhaps, seemed, in some instances, hasty or severe to some who have not been in possession of all the facts, the truth is that their action in every case has been careful, deliberate, and kind in its spirit, and they are confident that the logic of subsequent events will prove its wisdom.

The experience of the past year has abundantly demonstrated the need of a more intimate acquaintance with the schools on the part of the parents. A teacher's power to benefit the scholars under her care rests very largely in the hands of the parents of those scholars. A hearty co-operation and support on the part of the parents will enable almost any teacher to conduct a successful school; a *lack* of such co-operation will greatly impair the usefulness of the most efficient instructor.

In order to do their duty by the schools, parents should know by *personal inspection* the condition of things in the

schools of their respective districts, and not depend upon rumor or even upon the reports of the children for their information.

They should remember that children are not always the best judges of what is for their own good, nor of the competency of the teachers placed over them as instructors; and that a discussion of the teacher's qualifications with the children, or criticism of them before the children, is liable to make the children disrespectful and disobedient in school.

The committee feel that the prominent cases of disorder which have occurred in the schools during the past year have been due in no small degree to the thoughtlessness of parents in this regard, and their neglect of personal visitation.

Again, in cases where trouble occurs in any school, it is but just that the people should take pains to investigate the matter, and be sure to possess themselves of the facts in each case before passing judgment.

The teachers will usually be found ready to give full explanations in each case, and when this is not sufficient, the committee are always prepared to give every person strict and ample justice.

Both teachers and committee are certainly entitled to the hearty support of every citizen, at least, until they have *been shown to be in error*, and to this end, flying reports should be subjected to rigid investigation before being accepted as truth.

CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS.

The record of the schools for the past year is, in most respects, a favorable one. The pupils have enjoyed an exceptional immunity from epidemic and other diseases. The reports of nearly all the schools show remarkable regularity

of attendance, raising the average for the year to ninety-three per cent, a higher rate than that of any former year.

The teachers have generally succeeded in accomplishing the work prescribed in the course of study, and the examinations given by the committee have revealed a good degree of proficiency on the part of the pupils, who were, with few exceptions, found qualified for promotion at the beginning of the present school year.

At the examination of candidates for admission to the High School, a large majority answered correctly the required per cent of the questions given, and the entering class, twenty-four in number, was the largest for several years.

The results reported above furnish evidence that the schools, as a whole, have well maintained the standard of the previous year.

Of the fifteen schools in town, ten have continued to the present time in charge of the teachers appointed at the beginning of the school year. The progress of these schools has been highly satisfactory to the committee, who take pleasure in testifying to the ability and fidelity of their teachers, most of whom have rendered acceptable service for a series of years.

The schools affected by changes of teachers are the Beaver and Elmwood Grammar schools, the Elmwood and West Primaries, and the Curtisville School.

The changes in the first three were made necessary by the failure of the teachers to enforce proper discipline, — a failure which detracted materially from the benefit the pupils should have received from the excellent instruction given.

The committee regret to report the retirement of Miss Agnes Voigt from the West Primary School, which she had

conducted with signal success through a long term of faithful service. The school began the present year under the charge of a teacher thoroughly trained for primary work, but after a short service, she resigned to accept a more lucrative position, as did her immediate successor.

At the date of this report, however, this school, and the others mentioned in connection with it, are again in a settled condition under the direction of experienced and competent teachers.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The town is to be congratulated upon the high standard to which this school has been raised by the zealous and well-directed efforts of its present instructors. In every department there is proof of earnest and thorough work by teachers and pupils. The rules of the committee regarding promotions are faithfully observed. Pupils are required to pass an examination in one study before taking up the next in the course. The questions for these examinations are prepared or approved by the committee, a record of results is kept, and those pupils who have passed the final examinations, in all the studies of the course pursued, are awarded a diploma at graduation.

The committee regard it as important that the pupils of this school should keep good their knowledge of the common branches. To this end, frequent exercises in these branches have been given to the whole school, and a special examination held by the committee, with gratifying results.

The new course of study, which went into operation last year, has proved to be a practicable one, and will need few changes, if any, to adapt it to the various wants of the pupils.

The appropriation made by the town for chemical and philosophical apparatus was expended to good advantage, and these sciences are now taught in a practical and interesting manner.

As there was no suitable place in the building in which to keep the apparatus, the committee ordered a case made for that purpose.

The following table shows the present membership and classification of the school: —

NUMBER OF PUPILS IN EACH CLASS, AND NUMBER IN EACH COURSE, FEB. 1, 1886.

	Number in each Class.	Number in 4 years' Course.	Number in 3 years' Course.	Number in 2 years' Course.
Seniors	3	3	..	..
Sub-Seniors	6	2	4	..
Ex-Juniors	23	10	9	4
Juniors	23	16	5	2
Totals	55	31	18	6

List of graduates, July 3, 1885.

Four years' Latin and English course: —

Charles F. Mann,
Hattie M. Bates,
Henrietta Hill,
Richard W. Nutter,
Grace L. Cook,
Abbie B. Wade.

Three years' English course: —

Charles F. Porter.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of children in town between the age of five and fifteen, as shown by census taken May 1, 1885	486
Increase over last year	37
Whole number of pupils of all ages enrolled on school register	539
Increase over last year	1
Number over fifteen years	42
Number under five years	1
Number of pupils of school age attending	496
Increase over last year	16
Average membership of the schools	433
Decrease from last year	10
Per cent of average attendance	93

ATTENDANCE.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.						PER CENT OF AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR YEAR.
	SUMMER.		FALL		WINTER.		
	Whole No.	Ave'age Memb.	Whole No.	Aver'ge Memb.	Whole No.	Aver'ge Memb.	
High School	43	41	59	56	56	53	95.8
Central Grammar	52	49	45	42	43	35	92.3
Centre Intermediate	22	21	26	25	25	21	89.7
West Intermediate	35	32	34	33	34	33	94.4
West Primary	43	40	43	41	41	36	93.
North Primary	35	31	37	34	35	28	92.4
Beaver Grammar	22	19	34	30	34	28	91.
Beaver Primary	35	32	32	29	34	30	93.
Elmwood Grammar	29	29	33	31	34	32	92.5
Elmwood Primary	35	32	38	36	37	33	90.7
Northville Grammar	19	18	19	18	17	25	96.4
Northville Primary	29	28	25	23	21	17	94.1
Curtisville	22	19	19	17	18	16	90.7
Eastville	30	27	30	27	26	23	92.2
Satucket	18	16	18	17	18	17	94.8
Total	469	434	492	459	473	417	*92.9

* Average.

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

The liberal appropriations made by the town have enabled the committee to put the school buildings and other property into excellent condition.

In doing this the committee have exceeded some of the appropriations, but they have followed what they believe is a policy of true economy, in causing the work undertaken to be done so thoroughly as to require no further expenditure to complete it.

The new schoolhouse in Beaver was furnished with desks during the spring vacation, and the schools were transferred to it at the beginning of the summer term.

During the summer vacation the grounds were graded and enclosed by a substantial fence.

The promotion of a large class from the primary to the grammar department made it necessary to purchase additional desks at the beginning of the fall term.

A long-needed improvement has been made in the appearance of the High School building and its surroundings. The building has been thoroughly painted and put in good repair, and the grounds have been graded and laid out in an orderly manner.

To render the school-rooms more comfortable in winter, double windows have been placed upon the north side of the building and a portion of the piazza enclosed.

The vote of the town providing for a supply of water for the schools in this building has been carried out by the construction of a cistern of sufficient capacity in the cellar, from which the water is carried by pipes to each floor. The expense incurred is but a small part of the amount appropriated.

In addition to the expenditures reported, however, there

is a bill due L. F. Gammons for the pumps and pipe, which were not placed in position until after the close of the fiscal year.

The larger part of the appropriation for repairs has been expended upon the buildings at Satucket and Eastville, in providing canopies and platforms for the outer doors, and painting and otherwise improving the interiors.

At Satucket a new out-building has been erected, and the yard enlarged by purchasing a strip of land in the rear.

The walls of the Northville primary building have been replastered, and other needed repairs made on the building and that of the grammar school.

WATER SUPPLY.

The committee have had wells dug on the grounds of the Beaver and Eastville schools. In sinking the well at Beaver, a ledge of rock was struck which greatly retarded the progress of the work and increased heavily the expense. An abundant supply of good water, however, was at last found.

Upon examining the condition of the wells at the other schools, the committee found that the water at Elmwood was unfit for use. They accordingly caused the stones to be taken up, the well enlarged, and the stones relaid with a backing of sand to filter the water.

Though the expense incurred in securing a supply of water for the schools is heavier than was anticipated, it will not be regretted, if it proves to be the means of relieving the school children from the annoyance and discomfort heretofore suffered.

HEATING.

For several years past most of the buildings have been heated by coal-burning stoves. In a few, however, the air-tight stoves have been allowed to remain. Believing that the comfort and health of the children demanded the removal of these, the committee arranged with Mr. L. F. Gammons to replace them with suitable gas burners, to be paid for out of the appropriation of the next fiscal year.

INSURANCE.

The policies upon two of the schoolhouses expired during the past year, and were renewed by the committee, though no appropriation was available for that purpose, No appropriation for this purpose will be needed the coming year.

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

The cost of the text-books and supplies furnished to the pupils the past year has largely exceeded the estimate of the committee. This is due, in part, to the fact that the classes promoted from the lower schools to the higher have been unusually large. The cost of the text-books is probably about half of the whole amouut.

The quantity of books needed the coming year will be much less than in either of the two preceding years. There will undoubtedly be a tendency to an increase in the quantity of other supplies.

The committee report the following estimate of the sums needed for the support of the schools for the present fiscal year: —

ESTIMATE.

For school supplies,	$5,600 00
" " incidentals,	300 00
" text-books and supplies,	500 00
" repairs,	200 00
Bill for stoves, pumps, etc. (due L. F. Gammons),	250 00

E. W. NUTTER,
P. M. GRIFFIN,
EZRA KINGMAN,
School Committee.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 1, 1886.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Appropriation	$5,600 00
Received from State Treasurer	175 58
" " town of West Bridgewater	145 36
" " County Treasurer	296 62
Amount available	$6,217 56

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHING.

John W. Hutchins, High School	$980 00
William H. Knight, " "	20 00
Florence M. Cross, " "	400 00
Fred M. Wight, Central Grammar	288 87
Emma F. Eames, " "	222 20
Ann W. Harden, Centre Intermediate	168 00
Lizzie L. Savery, " "	128 00
Hattie F. Whitmarsh, West Intermediate	312 00
Agnes A. Voigt, West Primary	164 80
Julia Kennedy, " "	8 00
Grace E. Preston, " "	53 60
Mary E. Barrett, " "	64 00
Jennie T. Donoghue, North Primary	319 20
Florence A. Blanchard, Beaver Grammar	90 00
Alva B. Whitney, " "	120 00
Emily V. White, " "	156 00

Lina J. Burrell, Beaver Primary	$275 00
Alice W. Renton, Elmwood Grammar	368 00
Lucy Tooker, " Primary	63 00
Lizzie Howard, " "	84 00
Margaret R. Lynas, " "	126 40
Ellen M. Murphy, Northville Grammar	368 40
Cora J. Ripley, " Primary	266 40
Florence L. Crocker, Curtisville	147 00
Lucy A. Hayes, "	70 40
Harriet Foster, "	49 60
Mary E. Worcester, Eastville	275 00
Hattie C. Sampson, Satucket	147 00
Ann W. Harden, "	128 00
Total	$5,862 87

CARE OF HOUSES.

Mrs. Kate Barrett	$75 00
Mrs. Kate Barrett, cleaning	20 17
Mrs. Maurice Hennessey	24 00
Mrs. Maurice Hennessey, cleaning	10 50
John Morrison	7 00
Fred Aldridge	3 00
Mrs. Daniel Geary, cleaning	3 00
George Bates	4 00
J. A. Payne	9 75
Everett Whitman	10 00
Alice Whitman	5 00
Alice Whitman, cleaning	5 00
Mrs. E. M. Murphy	10 00
Mrs. H. D. Wood, cleaning	10 00
Mrs. C. A. McKenzie, cleaning	5 00
Cora J. Ripley	10 00

Frank Donelly	$4 00
Frank R. Chesney	3 00
Preston Barker	3 00
Mrs. Sears Frost	3 00
George Sturtevant	4 00
Charlotte A. Harding, cleaning	3 00
Hattie C. Sampson	7 00
Ann W. Harden	3 00
Mrs. Eliza Wade	2 00
Roy S. Hayward	22 00
Mrs. James Cunningham, cleaning	6 00
Total	$271 42

FUEL.

Joshua Dean, coal	$210 19
John Hobart, "	21 00
A. L. Alger, "	48 00
David W. Gurney, wood	12 25
Justin W. Richards, "	10 20
J. E. Bisbee, "	8 75
Herbert C. Keith, "	9 25
J. D. Jones, "	2 39
Henry M. Porter, charcoal	2 75
Edward Ford, shavings	2 70
Levi W. Noyes, preparing fuel	5 55
Everett Whitman	2 25
Total	$335 28

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for teaching	$5,862 87
" care of houses	271 42
" fuel	335 28
Total	$6,469 57
Amount available	6,217 56
Excess of expenditures	$252 01

The amount paid for teaching includes a week's pay due teachers at the close of the last fiscal year. The cost of teaching for 1885 is $124 less than the above amount, or $5,738.87.

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Carver Cotton Gin Company, table	$4 63
Old Colony Railroad Company	2 56
Waldo Hayward, carting	3 00
John Eastman, carting	1 50
Carroll W. Clark, chairs	6 00
Reuben Harden, labor	3 25
C. W. Clark, crayons, etc.	35 61
C. W. McAuley, ladder	4 80
Thomas Keith, surveying	2 00
T. R. Hines, repairing table	1 00
Mary S. Keith, ribbon	1 25
E. W. Nutter, taking census	15 00
A. C. Chandler, repairing organ	3 00
Smith & Porter, printing	1 75
A. B. Marston, repairing organ	6 25
E. M. Murphy, fares, etc.	1 40
Hektograph Manfacturing Company	2 65
G. C. Allen, pickets	1 76

Paid Isadus Fuller, labor	$4 00
W. B. Farrell, team	60
Harlow Harden, repairs	8 00
Geo. R. Whitney, moving piano	7 00
E. L. Clark, labor	3 00
F. C. Nutter, paper, etc.	3 85
L. J. Voigt, filling diplomas	1 75
Boston School Supply Co., slating	18 00
E. W. Nutter, expense obtaining teachers	8 20
Charles F. Porter, labor	2 45
S. R. Newhall, labor	75
Jarvis Burrell, printing	8 40
J. R. Spalding, atlas	4 00
Cyclostyle Company	12 00
J. H. Potter, repairing clock	1 00
A. K. Benson, labor	3 75
Grace Cook, fares	1 80
E. W. Nutter, stationery, etc.	14 89
G. R. Whitney, rent of organs	9 50
Alfred Griffin, team	75
Alger & Co.'s express	15 20
Henry Gurney, hand grenades	9 00
Frank S. Reynolds, tuning piano	2 50
Frank Smith, chemicals	1 60
Prang Educational Company, chemicals	3 11
Eimer & Amend, chemicals	6 65
John M. Whiting, repairing blackboards	5 00
F. C. Nutter, curtains, stationery, etc.	49 77
L. F. Gammons, labor, hardware, etc.	82 89
Eimer & Amend, chemicals	45 98
	$432 80
Appropriation	300 00
Excess of expenditures	$132 80

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Harris, Rogers & Co.	$2 10
Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co.	6 00
Wm. Ware & Co.	46 75
Winkley, Dresser & Co.	485 97
Clark & Maynard	22 72
A. C. Stockin	33 28
Charles Whiting	35 52
Boston School Supply Co.	5 60
Ginn, Heath & Co.	16 31
J. L. Hammett	77 23
Geo. S. Perry	25 98
	$757 46
Appropriation	400 00
Excess of expenditures	$357 46

APPARATUS FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

Prang Educational Co.	$18 50
E. S. Ritchie & Sons	44 49
Alfred P. Gage	45 20
	$108 19
Appropriation	100 00
Excess of expenditures	$8 19

REPAIRS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Appropriation for painting and grading . .		$350 00
Paid Minot S. Curtis, painting .	$151 50	
S. L. Seaver, blinds . .	9 24	
Samuel Keith, grading . .	68 77	
E. L. Clark, grading . .	16 50	
A. K. Benson, grading . .	44 00	
		290 01
Unexpended balance		$59 99

GENERAL REPAIRS.

Paid S. L. Seaver, labor and stock . . .	$246 78
A. S. Lyons, labor and stock . . .	22 80
G. C. Allen, lumber	13 81
Minot S. Curtis, painting	119 46
Herbert C. Keith, grading . . .	19 95
Henry Sears, grading	10 00
John M. Whiting, plastering, etc. . .	54 60
George Chamberlain, stone-work . .	6 25
Eliab Latham, stone	2 00
S. C. Keith, gravel	2 00
Charles Lincoln, land	10 00
	$507 65
Appropriation	300 00
Excess of expenditures	$207 65

BEAVER.

Michigan School Furniture Co., desks, etc.		$100 50
E. W. Nutter, desks		12 00
Francis Hayward, grading		48 38
Samuel Keith, "		70 00
A. S. Lyons, fence		87 50
L. F. Gammons, stove, pipe, etc.		43 08
		$361 46
Appropriation		300 00
Excess of expenditures		$61 46

WATER SUPPLY.

Appropriation for High School		$500 00
Paid S. L. Seaver, gutters	$31 91	
J. M. Whiting, cistern	55 39	
		87 30
Unexpended balance		$412 70

In addition to the above, there is a bill due L. F. Gammons for pumps, pipe, etc.

Appropriation for other schools		$300 00
Paid Frank M. Fisher, labor, etc.	$227 52	
John Curley, "	25 88	
Mitchell Hooper, brick	29 75	
Geo. A. Goodyear, cartridges, etc.	8 89	
A. K. Bensen, labor	5 00	
Edwin Hayward, use of drills	1 00	
C. W. Siddall, sharpening drills,	1 15	
W. P. Hutchinson, labor	5 11	
A. S. Lyons, well curbs, etc.	33 41	
		337 71
Excess of expenditures		$37 71

INSURANCE.

Paid E. S. Whitmarsh, agent, W. Primary	$20 25	
E. S. Whitmarsh, agent, Beaver	23 48	
		$43 73

CASE FOR APPARATUS

Paid S. L. Seaver	$30 60

E. W. NUTTER,
Treasurer of School Committee.

East Bridgewater, Feb. 1, 1886.

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE YEAR 1886.

BOSTON:
ALFRED MUDGE & SON, PRINTERS,
No. 24 Franklin Street,
1887.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1886.

Town Clerk.

FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer.

ISAAC N. NUTTER.

Collector.

BENJAMIN W. KEITH.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

GEORGE M. KEITH. ELIAB LATHAM. SAMUEL C. WHITE.

School Committee.

EDMUND W. NUTTER. EZRA KINGMAN. WYMAN C. FICKETT.

Auditor.

N. FRANK DUNPHE.

Constables.

ISADUS FULLER. EDWARD E. EDSON. JAMES F. MOREY.
CHARLES W. ADAMS. CHARLES L. JONES.

Special Police.

BENJAMIN SIDDALL. THOS. S. H. ROUNSEVILLE. FRANKLIN W. FRENCH.

Road Commissioners.

SAMUEL KEITH. MARK P. HUDSON. JAMES W. LATHAM.

Measurers of Wood.

W. K. CHURCHILL. WM. B. HALL. CHARLES W. WIXON.

Weighers of Coal.

ARTHUR G. WATERMAN. WILLIAM O. SHELDON.
GEORGE ALLEN. SAMUEL E. KEITH.

Surveyors of Lumber.

SAMUEL L. SEAVER. WILLIAM H. JEFFERSON.

Field Drivers.

WM. REARDON. ALBERT C. WHITE. GEORGE MILLS.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ROBERT YOUNG.

Pound Keeper. *Forest Fireward.* *Town Physician.*

HENRY W. SEARS. HENRY GURNEY. ASA MILLET, M. D.

Fence Viewers.

HENRY GURNEY. A. HARRIS LATHAM.

Sexton.

M. L. WEBBER.

Registrars of Voters.

AMOS HUNTING. ROBERT O. HARRIS.
E. S. WHITMARSH. FRANK SMITH.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1886.

Support of schools	$5,600 00	
School incidentals	300 00	
Repairs of school property	200 00	
Text-books and supplies	500 00	
Payment of bill for stoves, pumps, etc.	250 00	
		$6,850 00
Repairs of highways	$3,000 00	
Bridges and culverts	3,000 00	
Sidewalks	300 00	
Removal of snow	250 00	
Bridge near Henry Grow's	1,844 52	
		8,394 52
Town officers and committees	$1,200 00	
Support of poor	3,000 00	
Public library	400 00	
Decoration of soldiers' graves	100 00	
Suppression of crime	100 00	
Incidental expenses	500 00	
		5,300 00
		$20,544 52
Of these appropriations it was voted to hire, to be paid from taxes of 1887		3,844 52
Amount voted to be assessed, 1886		$16,700 00

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Selectmen of East Bridgewater respectfully submit to the town their sixty-third annual report of the receipts and expenditures of the town for the year 1886.

STATE AID.

Paid Jane R. Bancroft	$20 00	
Harriet B. Bates	48 00	
Sarah B. Gould	48 00	
Betsy A. Hale	48 00	
Lydia A. Hale	20 00	
Mary Hudson	48 00	
Sarah C. Hudson	48 00	
Mary S. Ripley	48 00	
Hannah R. Stanley	20 00	
Thankful O. Trow	48 00	
Caroline Williams	48 00	
		$444 00
Due from State		444 00

MILITARY AID.

Paid Wm. A. Dyson	$21 00
Jere M. Hine	78 00
Wm. S. Sampson	75 00

Paid Lysander M. Thompson	$90 00	
Selden M. Washburn	92 00	
Joseph M. Whitman	26 00	
Charles Wright	144 00	
		$526 00
Half due from State	$263 00	
Half paid by town	263 00	
		526 00

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid Justin Dimick, Post, G. A. R.	$100 00
Appropriation	100 00

SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Paid James F. Morey	$10 80	
Benj. Siddall	102 30	
S. E. Edson	3 50	
Isadus Fuller	3 40	
Chas. W. Adams	2 50	
Robert O. Harris	10 00	
Wm. H. Osborne	41 40	
		$173 90
Appropriation		100 00
Excess		$73 90

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, ETC.

Paid Samuel Keith for road commissioners	$8,685 01
Appropriation	8,394 52
Excess	$290 49

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid committee on public library . . .		$300 00
Unexpended		100 00
Appropriation		$400 00

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Paid P. M. Griffin, school committee . . .		$26 25
E. W. Nutter, superintendent of schools	$44 44	
E. W. Nutter, school committee	90 50	
E. W. Nutter, treasurer of school committee	15 00	
		149 94
Ezra Kingman, school committee	$42 50	
Ezra Kingman, teams . .	6 25	
		48 75
Wyman C. Fickett, school committee	$78 75	
Wyman C. Fickett, purchasing, care, and distribution of school supplies	15 00	
		93 75
Alfred Griffin, team, school committee		1 00
M. L. Webber, teams, school committee	$33 25	
M. L. Webber, sexton . .	33 00	
		66 25
Henry Gurney, selectman, assessor; and overseer of the poor	$45 00	
Henry Gurney, railroad fare .	2 75	
		47 75

Paid Eliab Latham, selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor	$89 00	
Eliab Latham, railroad fare	1 40	
Eliab Latham, team	3 75	
		$94 15
Samuel C. White, selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor		57 50
George M. Keith, moderator	$3 00	
George M. Keith, selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor	171 27	
George M. Keith, railroad fare	2 10	
George M. Keith, team	5 00	
		181 37
Dr. Asa Millett, Board of Health		4 00
Benj. Siddall, posting warrants		3 00
E. E. Edson, posting warrants		9 00
N. F. Dunphe, auditor		15 00
R. O. Harris, registrar		20 00
Amos Hunting, registrar		12 50
E. S. Whitmarsh, registrar		12 50
Frank Smith, registrar	$12 50	
Frank Smith, town clerk	71 75	
		84 25
J. N. Nutter, treasurer		100 00
B. W. Keith, tax collector		137 31
		$1,164 27
Unexpended		35 73
Appropriation		$1,200 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid A. Mudge & Son, printing reports	$107	30
Henry Gurney, paper and postage		43
Henry Gurney, blanks for fireward	1	00
D. W. Gurney, distributing reports	7	00
Leonard Bros., assessors' posters	1	50
John Reed, Trustee Beaver Cemetery Corporation	20	00
East Bridgewater Savings Bank, office rent,	150	00
M. S. Curtis, setting glass in hearse		75
Jarvis Burrell, printing	19	60
E. S. Whitmarsh, insurance	22	50
E. S. Davenport, digging grave	3	00
Holbrook & Son, coffin and robe for Mr. Eaton	13	00
Geo. M. Keith, postage and stationery	2	13
Dr. C. E. Field, return births	6	00
Dr. George Hunt " "	4	50
Wm. H. Toby, return deaths	1	50
C. D. McCann, " "	1	50
Benj. Siddall, care of town officers' room	4	00
Benj. Siddall and others, services on account of fire	10	00
W. L. Benson, horses drawing hook and ladder truck to fire, Dec. 23	2	00
I. N. Nutter, administering oaths	3	00
I. N. Nutter, recording deeds	3	10
I. N. Nutter, postage	2	01
E. W. Nutter, postage and stationery	5	00
W. C. Fickett, postage and stationery	1	75
Amos Hunting, oil for street lamps	1	75

Paid Alger & Co.'s express, reports . . .	$0 75
Zebina Keith, land rent, hook and ladder house	10 50
	$405 57
Unexpended	94 43
Appropriation	$500 00

At the adjourned annual town meeting, March 15, it was voted that the Selectmen be authorized to employ good counsel to defend the suit of Ella F. Sturtevant, and all other suits for damages that may be brought against the town; and it was also voted that they be authorized to settle any suit brought against the town. The case of Ella F. Sturtevant *v.* Town of East Bridgewater has never come to trial.

On March 18, there was a demand made against the town by Michael Kilgrew, for injuries received on Feb. 21, by being thrown from his carriage on Spring Street, in consequence of a defect in said street, caused by the road being badly washed out; also, compensation was claimed by Edmund Kilgrew, owner of the horse and carriage, for damage to the same.

After due deliberation, we concluded to try to settle the case without employing legal counsel. We settled with Edmund Kilgrew, March 22, by paying him the sum of $250. On May 6, we made a settlement with Michael Kilgrew through his attorney, Chas. H. Edson, by paying him $350, and the expenses incurred on the night of the accident, which were $8. We also paid Dr. Millett $3 for examination of Michael Kilgrew's injuries. The total expense of the case to the town was $611.

On the occasion of the fire on Dec. 23, in this village,

we called upon the Fire Departments of Bridgewater and Brockton for aid, and they promptly responded.

The following week we sent a request for bills for their services. The Bridgewater Steam Fire Engine Co. sent a bill for $58.50; at the town meeting, held on Jan. 4, it was voted that the sum of $100 be paid to the Fire District of the Town of Bridgewater, which has accordingly been done.

We did not receive any reply from the Brockton Fire Department until Jan. 18, when we received the following:—

Dear Sir:

The Committee on Fire Department have concluded to make no charge to East Bridgewater for the services rendered by our department. If we had been of service to you we might have charged for it; as it happened, we are only too glad to have had an opportunity to show our spirit. If circumstances ever occur to again require our aid, don't be backward about calling for it, for I will willingly respond.

Yours truly,

Charles Eaton,
Chief Engineer.

We would also make mention of the Hook and Ladder Company recently organized in Elmwood, which did efficient service at the fire; and we suggest that it would be well to have a similar company organized in the central village.

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Frank Smith, collector of taxes, 1885	$4 00
Walter G. Smellie	87
Lucy A. Farmer	10 00
Deborah T. Morse	7 00
Henry Martin Holmes	87
	$22 74

No appropriation.

TRUST FUNDS.

Latham Fund.

Amount of fund		$500 00
" available Jan. 1, 1886 . .	$24 37	
" of interest during the year .	24 43	
		$48 80
Amount paid out		3 00
Amount available Jan. 1, 1887		$45 80

Alden Fund.

Amount of fund		$1,394 25
" available Jan. 1, 1886 . .	$24 44	
" of interest during the year .	59 93	
		$84 37
Amount disbursed during the year .	$33 50	
" paid to Whitman for taxes .	21 28	
		54 78
Amount available Jan. 1, 1887		$29 59

LIST OF JURORS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Granville C. Allen.
Augustus W. Blanchard.
Irving Bates.
Wellington Caldwell.
Henry Edson.
William Edson.
Hiram H. Erskine.
Francis Hayward.
Abbot T. Hewitt.
F. Wilson Porter.
L. Watts Richards.
William B. Ripley.
Samuel Shaw.
Kimball E. Sheldon.
Chas. W. Siddall.
George E. Skillings.
Francis M. Kingman.
Charles Thrasher.

Henry Hobart.
George B. Howland.
Samuel Keith.
E. Austin Latham.
Hermon L. Morse.
Isaac N. Nutter.
Nathan M. Poole.
John C. Tates.
Noah A. Washburn.
Wm. S. Washburn.
Edmund L. Weston.
Eleazer Whitman.
George A. Wright.
Wm. E. Whitman.

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

VALUATION FOR 1886.

Real estate		$1,081,505 00
Personal estate		450,464 00
Total		$1,531,969 00
Town grant for 1886	$16,700 00	
State tax	1,305 00	
County tax	1,605 17	
Overlay	937 16	
		$20,547 33
Deduct estimate from State		2,200 00
		$18,347 33

Rate of taxation, $10.90 per $1,000.

State tax on polls, $1
County tax on polls, $1 } $2 each.

Tax on real estate	$11,788 40	
" on personal estate	4,910 05	
" 824 polls	1,648 00	
Gain on fractions	88	
		$18,347 33

Houses taxed, 615.	Cows taxed, 341.
Acres of land, 9,930.	Oxen taxed, 24.
Exemptions granted, 60.	Swine taxed, 76.
Horses taxed, 385.	Sheep taxed, 6.

Other cattle taxed, 48.

DEPARTMENT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Paid Amos Hunting, groceries	$344 42
G. C. Allen, grain	116 79
Keith & Jenkins, grain	105 96
Benj. Ward, meat	114 06
Joshua Dean, coal	69 58
John Whiting, cistern	50 90
M. S. Curtis, paint, etc.	5 69
L. F. Gammons, pump, hardware, etc.	76 22
E. S. Whitmarsh, clothing	31 75
Jabez Sturtevant, labor	41 25
Dr. Asa Millett, salary as physician	50 00
Dr. Asa Millett, going to hospital with George Jenkins	2 25
H. W. Sears, salary as warden	425 00
Net expense at almshouse	$1,433 87
Total number of inmates during the year	11
Present " " "	9
Average " " "	10
Tramps lodged and fed	30
Average cost per week for board	$2 74

PRESENT INMATES.

Name.	Age.	Admitted.
Lewis Wright,	86	1871
George Jenkins,	87	1885
Sybil P. Dunbar,		1879
Ellen L. Edson,	30	1879
Rebecca Cummings,	73	1884
Hannah Dunn,		1883
James B. Osborne,	42	1885
Thomas Griggs,	63	1886
Ella F. Sturtevant,	33	1886

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1886	$42 56
Received from sale of hay	169 91
" " " straw	20 70
" " " stock	86 00
" exchange of cows	11 00
" bull	11 50
" team work	206 05
" sundry produce	31 30
	$579 02

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Expense of George Jenkins going to hospital	$2 00	
Paid for bread	4 95	
" meat	7 42	
" fish	39 42	
" butter	2 70	

Paid for tea	$10 70	
" ice	9 77	
" soap	1 50	
" clothing	15 67	
" harness	14 00	
" sleigh	6 00	
" blankets	5 00	
" repairs and tools	41 31	
" dressing hogs	3 75	
" sundries	30 94	
" labor	333 67	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1887	50 22	
		$579 02

OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of N. S. Bouldry		$179 47
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Catherine Rogers		184 74
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Clara Washburn		177 68
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Robt. Washburn		52 40
Paid Town of Abington, aid to Mrs. Rumsey		60 00
City of Worcester, aid to J. M. Hine and wife		10 20
Town of Hanson, aid to Mrs. E. Worthington		16 00
Town of Middleboro	$2 00	
Town of Halifax	16 43	
aid to A. L. Darling		18 43
City of Brockton, aid to A. P. Young		21 50

Paid Town of Natick, aid to Hatch family		$197 30
City of Lynn, aid to O'Connor's children		115 10
James H. Hill, aid to Mrs. Philetta Washburn		45 00
Amos Hunting, aid to Mrs. W. U. Brett		60 00
" " aid to J. H. Chadwick		32 49
" " aid to Mrs. S. R Frost		81 24
Huram Wade	$59 99	
Geo. N. Holmes	20 50	
E. C. Packard	8 50	
Beals & Wilder	2 40	
City of Brockton, medical attendance	6 25	
aid to Mrs. Coulter.		97 64
Mrs. A. A. Harding, aid for child		37 00
N. K. Richardson, aid to Mrs Packard		27 00
Wm. B. Farwell	$2 00	
Joshua Dean	8 75	
aid to C. H. Hall		10 75
John Hobart	$16 01	
Dr. Geo. Hunt	18 00	
aid Frank Alden		34 01
Mrs. Bouldry, town aid		19 00
Mrs. Vickery, aid to Mrs. Bouldry		10 00
S. A. Holbrook	$10 00	
Huram Wade	18 00	
Geo. N. Holmes	7 88	
Garfield Bros.	8 00	
E. C. Packard	4 25	
H. H. Gibbs	37 50	
City of Brockton	34 00	
Town aid	10 00	
aid to Henry A. Johnson		129 63

Paid Henry Gurney	$4 50	
Stephen Griggs	55 00	
Zenas Jenkins	5 00	
Bartley Curran	11 00	
aid to R. S. Higgins		75 50
Joshua Dean	$24 51	
Geo. W. Folsom	60 00	
Eleazer Whitman	1 50	
Amos Hunting	5 75	
aid to Mrs. Barrows		91 75
E. S. Whitmarsh, aid to O'Brien Quigley		3 50
Joshua Dean, aid to Mrs. Piper		9 75
Total amount orders drawn		$1,797 08
Received from Bridgwater for aid to Frank Alden	$34 01	
Received from Plymouth for aid to C. H. Hall	10 75	
		44 76
Net expenses outside poor		$1,752 32
" " at almshouse		1,433 87
Total amount net		$3,186 19
Appropriation		3,000 00
Excess of expenditure		$186 19

SUMMARY.

Amount of Orders Drawn.

For State aid	$444 00
Military aid	526 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves	100 00

For Suppression of crime	$173 90
Road commissioners	8,685 01
Committee on public library	300 00
Town officers and committees	1,164 27
Incidental expenses	405 57
Expenses of Kilgrew case	611 00
" " fire, Dec. 23	100 00
Abatement of taxes	22 74
Support of poor at almshouse	1,433 87
" " " outside	1,797 08
	$15,763 44

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

Liabilities.

Notes held by East Bridgewater Savings Bank, dated May 22, 1876	$1,844 52
" July 17, 1876	2,000 00
	$3,844 52

Assets.

Cash in treasury	$434 42
Due from State	707 00
" " collector	100 35
	$1,241 77

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1887.

For Highways	$3,000 00
Bridges and culverts	500 00
Sidewalks	300 00
Removal of snow	200 00

For Town officers and committees	$1,200 00
Support of poor	3,000 00
Suppression of crime	100 00
Police duty	100 00
Incidental expenses	500 00
Public library	400 00

GEO. M. KEITH,
ELIAB LATAAM,
SAMUEL C. WHITE,
Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR 1886.

B. W. KEITH, *Collector*,
In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

To amount committed	$18,347 33
" " interest collected	62 17
	$18,409 50

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By amount paid treasurer	$18,309 15
" " uncollected	100 35
	$18,409 50

B. W. KEITH, *Collector.*

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Overseers of the Poor:

Gentlemen, — Again it becomes my duty to make an annual statement in regard to the almshouse. As far as the Warden and Wardeness are concerned, they need no word of commendation from me. They have been too long in the employ of the town not to be appreciated by you in their good works. Our house is now too well known for any one to desire to go back to what it was when they first came here.

The present female inmates of the house are Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Edson, Sybil Dunbar, and Mrs. Andrew Sturtevant. The first four of these are old inmates and in much the same condition as last year. Mrs. Cummings is in better health, and, no doubt, happier than when she came here. Mrs. Dunn, is in good health, and able to do and does do a good deal of work. Mrs. Edson manifests the same type of insanity that she did from the first, with scarcely any change, unless her fits of excitement and depression may be more severe than formerly.

Mrs. Sturtevant came here about the middle of August, in a low state of health. But upon rest, freedom from care, and a mild course of treatment, she has improved to a good degree of health.

The male inmates in the almshouse, are Mr. George Jenkins, Mr. Lewis Wright, Mr. Thomas Griggs, Mr. James Osborn, and Mr. George Osborn. Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Wright are old inmates who are able to do little if any

work, but who might be far more happy if they were more genial to the other inmates, and more grateful for the good home the town provides for them.

Mr. Griggs came here more than a year ago, in consequence of a bad comminuted fracture of the shoulder, which seemed likely to prove an injury of a far more serious character than it has. There is now little or no deformity, and no doubt recovery of all the injured bone, and, with patient care, he will recover good use of the limb.

Mr. James Osborn is in much the same condition as last year, with little or no chance for improvement.

Mr. George Osborn, I suppose, is a bird of passage, who, when the spring returns, will fly to more agreeable abodes to seek his living.

We have had but one death in the almshouse the past year, and that was a case of old age. Mr. Calvin Eaton died Oct. 22, 1886.

Robert Washburn was brought from Taunton Lunatic Hospital here Jan. 12, 1884, and remained till the 17th of September, 1886, when it was found impossible to keep him any longer. Constant excitement, and association with the other inmates, made him unmanageable, and we were obliged to return him to the hospital. When carried back, he seemed pleased to get home, and has ever since been easily managed, and free from the disgusting habits he had while here. Within the last three months a change for the better has come over the almshouse. The inmates are more kindly disposed towards each other. There is less swearing and disputing, and less teasing of the weak and feeble-minded ones. Against all such habits I hope the door is now shut, never to be opened again. I can imagine no act that would sooner excite the indignation of a decent person than to

know that a man in his senses, supported by charity, should tease, annoy, torment, a poor insane or feeble-minded person, kindly cared for in the same way.

Besides the inmates in the almshouse, we have four insane in the Taunton Insane Hospital — Nathaniel Bouldry, Mrs. Catharine Rogers, and Robert and Clara Washburn — nearly, if not all of whom, it seems to me, are of the same class of insane, suffering from incurable hereditary insanity; not subjects of general parotisis or any other disease of the brain that is likely to end their days in one, two, or three years, but may continue to comparatively old age. I do not profess to be an expert in matters of insanity; and yet, having known the Washburn family ever since Ellen came to the almshouse, and something of their history before, I may be allowed to say that I think that the town should have some settled policy in regard to them.

It will be remembered by some, that at the time Ellen began to be so insane as not to take care of her babe, her case was twice laid before the overseers of the poor, and it was said that several medical gentlemen were called to see her, and that they reported that her insanity was from causes that are a disgrace to any woman. In a short time after, it was also reported that she had softening of the brain. Ever since that day I have watched Ellen, and have never seen in her case any other type of insanity than hereditary alternating insanity. The other Washburns, are of the same class. They are insane from no bad habits or moral obliquity, and it is but common charity, not only to them but to our own children, that they should be kindly and *properly* cared for. If we have not suitable accommodations in our house for them (and we have not), we should provide them or keep them in a hospital. I must renew my annual recommenda-

tions in regard to improvement in the house, that are needful to others as well as to the insane. Gentlemen, allow me to thank you, and all persons who have in any way been connected with this almshouse since I have been your physician, for their universal kindness and courtesy, and to close this by saying that, at my time of life, the many personal matters to which I wish to attend will in future prevent me from accepting any public position whatever.

Yours, etc., A. MILLET.

East Bridgewater, Feb. 1, 1887.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

Paid the following persons for labor and material on highway, bridges, and sidewalks :—

Wm. Allen	$6 00
G. C. Allen	95 61
George Adam	3 50
Fred Ames	5 69
Alger & Co.'s Ex.	90
East Bridgewater Iron Co.	55 27
Edwin Bowman	16 70
Tim Beaudo	14 38
Blainey Beals	10 35
John Burges	34 50
Waldo Bros.	100 00
Walter L. Benson	191 13
C. E. Brown	26 00
Isaac Brown	4 37
Jarvis Burrell	1 75
C. H. Brown	3 80
M. S. Curtis	1 50
R. F. Copeland	21 65
Bartley Curran	65 90
John Cummins	70 20
John Curran	3 75
Maurice Carroll	4 00
E. L. Clark	137 90
Geo. L. Chamberlin	147 70

Dennis Curan	$158 18
E. Campbell	92 12
Edward Carr	23 95
M. Crowley	10 00
Daniel Desmond	111 38
Geo. H. Drislane	185 70
Andy Dwyer	35 53
Marcellus Day & Co.	28 00
E. S. Davenport	3 50
John S. Eastman	10 50
B. F. Edson	2 50
John Eagan	6 12
D. F. Edson	11 35
J. Fitzgerald	1 75
Wm. Fitzgerald	7 00
M. Gochie	37 05
Henry Gurney	114 25
D. W. Gurney	105 62
Wm. Green	76 13
D. H. Gurney	14 00
C. C. Gin Co.	4 97
H. A. Grow	40 46
L. F. Gammons	11 66
P. M. Griffin	3 09
Samuel Gurney	23 85
M. P. Hudson	149 69
H. G. Hill	2 50
J. R. Howe	14 92
Steven Harlow	37 57
M. Henesy	170 23
Francis Hayward	341 61
Waldo Hayward	46 98

E. A. Howe	$1 00
Mrs. Geo. Harden	5 91
Luther Harden	97 88
Jehiel Harden	76 65
Edward Hayward	40 60
J. Hollis	7 50
Noah T. Harden	32 83
Amos Hunting	10 00
P. H. Howe	12 89
Marshal Humble	10 50
John Brooks Harden	46 67
George B. Howland	5 05
George S. Harlow	28 85
Ed. Hill	13 50
Reuben Harden	20 18
Theodore Hobart	1 07
Hosea Hathaway	31 97
H. Harden	3 50
Zenas A. Jenkins	23 55
Nelson Joyce	11 50
Wm. N. Judkins	51 15
W. V. Judkins	10 00
Keith & Jenkins	25 61
Samuel Keith	268 48
Wm. Keene	8 75
H. C. Keith	72 57
M. Kindergraw	43 93
James W. Latham	167 30
Eliab Latham	95 60
Keith & Latham	59 90
J. M. Loucraft	90 00
John Lyons	1 50

C. Ledgevernder	$13 13
Jos. Letender	2 50
Patrick Luddy	7 55
Galan Latham	45 90
Spencer Leonard	3 65
R. A. Littlefield	39 75
C. A. Latham	9 00
Tim Murphy	184 95
Stetson & Moseley	422 94
John McGarrey	4 35
John McGovern	2 55
W. L. Maxim	9 75
S. R. McKenzie	18 00
E. O. Noyes	8 64
F. A. Nash	20 85
I. N. Nutter	14 50
A. Needham	2 88
U. O'Donald	1 40
Henry Osborne	1 50
L. B. Parker	9 30
Martin Parish	14 68
G. A. Packard	4 00
Nathaniel Perkins	11 40
Oliver Pratt	27 24
C. V. Pendleton	1,528 36
Chas. W. Pratt	23 25
Lem Pratt	5 25
Pat Quigley	2 62
N. K. Richardson	16 22
O. C. R. R. Co.	55 89
James Roach	301 55
David Roach	36 90

L. P. Raymond	$12 25
Wm. Robinson	10 50
S. L. Seaver	118 57
Martin Sumner	17 40
E. F. Sampson	27 80
B. S. Speller	19 35
Geo. Sites	5 63
Michael Shean	33 72
S. D. Shaw	8 91
J. N. Staples	3 00
John Sampson	2 60
John Shepard	62 23
Henry W. Sears	101 30
O. M. Sharpe	1 75
A. P. Sturtevant	1 70
C. W. Siddall	5 26
E. T. Smellie	18 00
David Tower	13 53
Chas. Thrasher	23 25
Geo. Tyler	8 20
J. D. Thurlow	3 00
Harris & Tucker	11 00
C. V. Vosmus	3 50
Barney Winn	246 50
C. W. Wixon	84 53
Galen Willis	114 97
Melzer Waterman	124 80
Geo. A. Washburn	3 50
E. Whitmarsh	37 50
Frank Willis	10 50
M. Wilder	14 01
Grace Washburn	3 15

M. L. Weber	$36 35
Noah A. Washburn	13 98
Luther Wade	7 75
L. C. Wright	1 50
Estate H. W. White	20 88
	$8,353 42
Received selectmen's order to amount of	8,353 42

Of the above amount, we have expended the following on bridges and culverts: —

New Arch Bridge on Central Street, near H. A. Grow's.

Paid C. V. Pendleton	$1,250 00
Grading	470 50
Wm. M. Judkins, 1,023 yds. gravel	51 15
Building dam at pond	8 00
" bridge to get sand	6 00
Seventy feet 10-inch drain pipe	23 00
Lumber for railing	15 03
A. Hunting, stone and damage on street leading from Central to E. L. Clark's	10 00
H. A. Grow, care lanterns	10 84
	$1,844 52

Shaw's Bridges.

Paid C. V. Pendleton	$353 00
Lumber	210 54
Filling	357 10

Paid Stock for the same	$6 00
Cement	31 00
Stone	22 50
Carting stone	69 75
Stone-work	40 00
Carpenter work	21 70
Spikes and nails	4 50
Lanterns and care of same	13 91
	$1,130 00

SPRING STREET BRIDGE.

Lumber	$211 00
Freight and carting	30 00
Stone-work and filling	127 00
Bolts and spikes	8 50
Carpenter work	66 69
	$443 19

BRIDGE NEAR G. A. WRIGHT'S.

Stone-work and filling	$151 29
Lumber	20 00
Stock for railing	21 00
Carpenter work	8 63
Spikes and nails	3 00
Use of derrick	12 50
	$216 42

TWO BRIDGES NEAR E. L. CLARK'S.

Stone-work and filling	$105 00	
Carting stone and lumber	15 00	
Lumber	30 00	
Railing	18 50	

Carpenter work	$2 75	
Use of derrick	12 50	
Nails and spikes	2 00	
		$185 75

WASH-OUT ON UNION STREET.

Stock and filling	163 00

WASH-OUT NEAR HOOPER'S MILL.

Stock and filling	115 00

REPAIRING AND FILLING AT

Piper's and Littlefield's bridges	141 60
Siddall's bridge	50 00
Jackson's and Howland's bridges	50 00

BRIDGE NEAR ASA WHITMAN'S.

Railing and stone-work	11 00

BRIDGE NEAR JAS. BROWN'S.

Stone-work and filling	5 00

ELMWOOD BRIDGE.

Stone-work and grading . . .	$205 75	
Henry Gurney, grading . . .	75 50	
Paid Henry Gurney for 6 men 31 days' labor, shovelling at $1.25 .	38 75	
Stone-work and cement on foundation	65 27	
M. P. Hudson, land damages . .	17 50	
		402 77

BRIDGE NEAR WM. VINTON'S.

Iron and stone-work and grading . . .	80 00

Bridges near B. Washburn and C. Porter's.

Filling	$20 00

Bridge near Carver Cotton Gin Co.

Filling	20 00
Railing bridges on Union and Central Streets .	30 00
Culvert near A. Washburn's	6 00
" " H. G. Hill's	6 50
" " W. R. Churchill's	13 00
Railings and culvert near F. A. Nash's . .	10 27
Railing near Dry Bridge	14 14
Culvert near W. Bridgewater depot . . .	3 13
Paid for labor and stock on bridges to make them passable before building new:	
H. A. Grow's	50 00
E. L. Clark's	20 00
	$5,031 29

When your committee were appointed at the last annual town meeting to make estimates of cost of rebuilding and repairing the bridges in town, the water was so high that we could not see the full amount of damage.

Later we found the bridge at Elmwood in bad condtion; it had washed on the up-stream end under the foundation, some two feet; a few feet below the bridge there were two holes ten feet deep. It has been repaired at an expense of $70.

At Siddall's Bridge we had to brace stone-work with timbers to make it safe, at an expense of $40. At other places the damage was more than was estimated.

The appropriation for highways	$3,000 00
Expended on highways	3,023 03
Excess	$23 03
The appropriation for new arch bridge, near H. A. Grow's	$2,000 00
Expended	1,844 52
Less appropriation	$155 48
Appropriation for other bridges and culverts was	$3,000 00
Expended	3,186,77
Excess	$186 77
Appropriation for sidewalks	$300 00
Expended	299 10
Less appropriation	$0 90

SAMUEL KEITH,
J. W. LATHAM,
MARK P. HUDSON,
Road Commissioners of East Bridgewater.

PAID FOR REMOVING SNOW FROM ROADS AND SIDEWALKS.

Geo Adam	$1 00
John Adam	80
Fred. Ames	1 00
C. Bouldry	40
T. H. Bouldry	1 00
B. P. Beals	1 60
W. L. Benson	5 05
Geo. L. Chamberlain	1 50

Dennis Curran	$3 80
E. L. Clark	7 30
Dan. Desmond	8 80
J. S. Eastman	14 00
C. Fuller	1 50
G. L. French	3 50
Wm. Green	3 50
D. W. Gurney	33 38
M. Gohive	8 50
Francis Hayward	3 60
Jehiel B. Harden	17 20
J. Brook Harding	18 40
L. Harden	11 30
Frank Hatch	1 00
A. Hatch	1 00
M. P. Hudson	8 05
T. Hobart	1 75
Stephen Harlow	3 40
H. C. Keith	25 70
Sam Keith	8 75
Wm. Keene	2 45
W. F. Keene	8 00
E. Latham	3 90
G. Latham	4 50
J. W. Latham	6 20
W. T. Leonard	3 20
Cyrus Monroe	1 60
J. Alson	60
F. W. Porter	2 40
Lem. Pratt	95
A. L. Richards	1 80
Jas Roach	57 02

H. B. Rogers	$0 90
Wm. Sampson	1 00
E. F. Sampson	1 70
H. W. Sears	3 80
Geo. Sites	4 10
C. W. Siddall	2 75
Z. W. Sturtivant	1 40
Wm. Sampson	3 90
E. Sanford	1 85
Chas. Thrasher	1 40
D. W. Thrasher	80
David Tower	3 40
C. Shitman	1 00
E. Winson	1 00
C. W. Wixon	3 68
G. Willis	1 87
M. Waterman	1 60
L. Worcester	2 50

Received selectmen's orders amount of	$327 99
Of the above amount —	
$126 11 was spent in January and February.	
201 88 " " " December.	
Appropriation for snow was	200 00
Exceeded appropriation	$127 99

SAM'L KEITH,
J. W. LATHAM,
MARK P. HUDSON,
Railroad Commissioners of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The committee appointed by the selectmen, April, 1886, were Geo. W. Allen, L. W. Richards, I. N. Nutter, Mrs. Henry Hobart, Mrs. J. S. Allen, and Miss Alice Strong.

The committee organized by choosing L. W. Richards chairman, and I. N. Nutter secretary and treasurer. The arrangement made in 1885, to have the library open two afternoons and three evenings in each week, met the wishes of the public, and has been continued; the library having been open each Monday and Wednesday afternoon from three to five o'clock, and each Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday evening from six to eight o'clock.

A valuable addition has been made to the library during the year, viz., a complete set of the American Cyclopædia, twenty-seven volumes in all, the gift of Isaac S. Whitman, Esq., of Bangor, Maine, a native of this town, but for many years a prominent manufacturer in Bangor.

A good encyclopædia has been greatly needed, but the committee have not felt justified in using so large a part of the appropriation of any year as would be needed for this purpose, but the gift of a set, which is, probably, the best published for American use, supplies the patrons of the library with what they greatly desired.

At a meeting of the committee, held June 7, it was voted "that the secretary be instructed to insure the books in the library for one thousand dollars," and a policy of that amount has been secured.

The number of volumes now in the library is twelve hundred and six, having been increased ninety-five by purchase, and sixty-eight volumes have been donated.

Number of books given out from Jan. 1, 1886, to Jan. 1, 1887	6,888
Largest number on any day	86
Smallest number on any day	15
Average number	45.86

Cards have been issued during the year to 101 new patrons.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1886.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand	$19 50
Appropriation by the town	400 00
Cash of librarian, amount of fines collected	17 64
	$437 14

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for books purchased	$141 32
For magazines purchased	9 57
Mary T. Rogers, librarian	72 00
Express and freight	1 35
Insurance	7 50
Binding magazines	2 75
J. Burrell, printing	11 52
For paper for covering books	18 45
Incidental	15 19
	$279 65
Cash in hands of committee*	57 49
Appropriation unexpended	100 00
	$437 14

I. N. NUTTER,
For Committee.

*Nearly or all of this amount will be required to pay bill for books being rebound and for volumes ordered but not yet received.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Town Treasurer*,

In account with the town of EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

1886.			
Feb.	12.	Balance as per previous report .	$767 63
	18.	Town of South Abington, aid furnished on account of military settlements	45 45
	22.	Frank Smith, collector . . .	168 84
March	3.	Martha A. Brown, release of real estate taxed to heirs of Merritt Jenkins	124 49
	9.	State Treasurer, corporation tax .	117 39
		State Treasurer, national bank tax .	1 75
	12.	Frank Smith, treasurer town hall committee	355 75
	16.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of	2,000 00
	27.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of	2,000 00
April	16.	Joshua Dean, for land adjoining High School lot	20 00
	17.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of	2,000 00
May	8.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of	2,000 00

May	22.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, payable Oct. 1, 1887 . . .	$1,844 52
June	5.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of	2,000 00
	12.	Frank Smith, for license of sixth class to sell intoxicating liquor .	1 00
July	17.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, payable Oct. 1, 1887 . . .	2,000 00
		Town of Bridgewater, aid to Frank Alden	9 75
	21.	Town of Plymouth, aid to Chas. H. Hall	10 75
Sept.	30.	Martin E. Jenness, release of real estate	10 95
		John S. Jenness, release of real estate	11 94
Dec.	4.	Frank Smith, collector, balance of tax of 1885	14 20
		Frank Smith, town clerk, for pool table licenses	4 00
		Frank Smith, town clerk, for license to sell imitation butter . .	1 00
		East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of	1,605 17
	6.	State Treasurer, corporation tax .	1,545 12
		State Treasurer, national bank tax .	626 77
		State Treasurer, State aid . .	232 00
		State Treasurer, State aid . .	472 00
1887.			
Jan.	11.	Town of Bridgewater, aid to Frank Alden	24 26
	19.	County Treasurer, dividend on dog tax	314 69

Jan. 25.	State Treasurer, income of Massachusetts school fund . . .	$182 63	
	B. W. Keith, collector, on account of tax of 1886	18,309 15	
			$38,821 20

Cr.

1886.			
Feb. 22.	Frank Smith, collector for deeds of real estate sold by him for non-payment of taxes:		
	Merrit Jenkins, heirs of,	$124 49	
	John S. Jenness . .	12 93	
	Martin E. Jenness . .	12 00	
			$149 42
March 9.	State Treasurer corporation tax .		4 44
22.	State Treasurer, one fourth of license fee		25
Aug. 26.	Town of Hanson, tax of 1886 . .		20
Sept. 13.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank note	2,000 00	
	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest	43 33	
Oct. 1.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, four notes	8,000 00	
	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest on four notes . . .	134 90	
Dec. 4.	County Treasurer, county tax .	1,605 17	
	State Treasurer, State tax . .	1,305 00	
1887.			
Jan. 15.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note	1,605 17	

Jan. 15.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest	$7 49
	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, six months' interest on note of May 22, 1886	36 89
	Orders drawn by selectmen . .	15,763 44
	Orders drawn by school committee	7,731 08
		$38,386 78
Cash on hand		434 42
		$38,821 20

I. N. NUTTER,
Town Treasurer.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.,
Feb. 5, 1887.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR 1885.

FRANK SMITH, *Collector*,
In account with town of EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

To amount of taxes of 1885 uncollected . .	$14 05
" " " interest collected . . .	15
	$14 20

CR.

By amount paid treasurer	$14 20

FRANK SMITH,
Collector.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

Amount cash on hand January 1, 1886 . .	$353 32
" received for rent of hall from January 1 to March 8, 1886	38 00
	$391 32
Amount expended from January 1 to March 8 .	$35 57
" paid I. N. Nutter, treasurer . .	355 75
	$391 32

AMOS HUNTING,
FRED E. TROW,
FRANK SMITH,
Town Hall Committee.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

March 12.	Knights of Labor, L. H. . .	$3 00
19.	" " " " . .	3 00
23.	" " " N. H. . . .	5 00
26.	" " " L. H. . . .	2 50
31.	Old Folks' Ball	6 00
April 2.	Knights of Labor, L. H. . .	2 50
10.	" " " " . .	2 50
16.	" " " " . .	2 50
23.	" " " " . .	2 50
30.	" " " " . .	2 50

April	15, 20, 27, 29. K. of L., office . .	$1 00
May	4. Com. Reception 29th Reg. . .	2 00
	7. Knights of Labor, L. H. . .	2 50
	10 and 13. Knights of Labor, office .	50
	14. Knights of Labor, L. H. . .	2 50
	15. Salvation Army	5 00
	16. " "	3 00
	18. Reception 29th Reg. . . .	6 00
	21. Knights of Labor, L. H. . .	2 50
	28. " " " N. H. . .	4 00
June	4. " " " " . .	4 00
	11. " " " " . .	4 00
	18. " " " " . .	4 00
	24. Knights of Labor, N. H. . .	$4 00
July	1, 7, 14, and 21. K. of L., office .	1 00
	2. Knights of Labor, N. H. . .	4 00
	5. Sewing Circle, L. H. . . .	3 00
	9. Knights of Labor, N. H. . .	4 00
	16. " " " " . .	4 00
	23. " " " " . .	4 00
	30. " " " " . .	4 00
	8 and 19. K. of L., office . . .	50
August	4. Knights of Labor, N. H. . .	4 00
	6. " " " " . .	4 00
	13. " " " " . .	4 00
	20. " " " " . .	4 00
	27. " " " " . .	4 00
	17 and 29. K. of L., office . . .	50
Sept.	3. Knights of Labor, N. H. . .	4 00
	10. " " " " . .	4 00
	17. " " " " . .	4 00
	27. Reunion of Academy . . .	5 00

Oct.	1.	Knights of Labor, N. H.	$4 00
	8.	" " " L. H.	2 50
	15.	" " " "	2 50
	21.	Uncle Tom's Cabin	10 00
	22.	Knights of Labor, L. H.	2 50
	29.	" " " "	2 50
Nov.	5.	"Do Something" Dance	6 00
	12.	Unitarian Society	6 00
	13.	Knights of Labor, L. H.	2 50
	16.	Lecture	5 00
	19.	J. Lyons, Dance	10 00
	20.	Knights of Labor, L. H.	2 50
	24, 25, and 26.	Unitarian Society	12 00
	6.	Knights of Labor, L. H.	2 50
Dec.	1.	P. W. Poole, Lecture	5 00
	3.	Knights of Labor, Lecture	5 00
	10.	" " " L. H.	2 50
	17.	" " " " "	2 50
	23.	" " " " "	2 50
	24.	Unitarian Sunday School	4 00
	30.	High School Reunion	5 00
	31.	Knights of Labor, L. H.	2 50
			$238 50

EXPENDITURES.

April	1.	Isadas Fuller, janitor	$10 00
	6.	L. F. Gammons, oil, etc.	6 70
	6.	Cleaning hall	5 00
	6.	Waxing	30
May	1.	Isadas Fuller, janitor	5 00
June	1.	" " "	11 38
	1.	L. F. Gammons, oil	1 50

June	1.	G. C. Allen, lumber .	$1 70	
July	1.	Isadas Fuller, janitor .	6 00	
	1.	L. F. Gammons, oil .	1 50	
Aug.	1.	Isadas Fuller, janitor .	8 50	
	1.	L. F. Gammons, oil .	75	
Sept.	1.	Isadas Fuller, janitor .	7 50	
	1.	L. F. Gammons, oil .	75	
Oct.	1.	Isadas Fuller, janitor .	6 75	
	1.	L. F. Gammons, oil .	1 50	
Nov.	1.	Isadas Fuller, janitor .	7 55	
	1.	A. Hunting, 1 bbl. kerosene oil . . .	6 86	
	1.	L. F. Gammons . .	1 85	
Dec.	1.	Isadas Fuller, janitor .	15 75	
	1.	Cleaning hall . . .	2 00	
	16.	J. Dean, coal . . .	13 00	
1887.				
Jan.	1.	Isadas Fuller, janitor .	12 85	
	1.	L. F. Gammons, . .	7 39	
	1.	Town Hall Committee service	10 00	
	1.	Due from Salvation Army	3 00	
				$155 08
	1.	Cash on hand		83 42
				$238 50

ISADAS FULLER,
LEWIS F. TROW,
F. E. TROW,
Town Hall Committee.

East Bridgewater, Jan. 1, 1887.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Treasurer, Assessors, and Collector, and have the honor to report as follows: —

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on the treasurer	$15,763 44
Amount of orders paid by the treasurer	15,763 44

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on the treasurer	$7,731 08
Amount of orders paid by the treasurer	7,731 08

TREASURER.

Amount received during the year	$38,821 20
Amount paid out during the year	38,386 78
Cash on hand	$434,42

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection	$18,347 33
Interest	62 17
	$18,409 50
Amount paid to treasurer	18,309 15
Uncollected taxes	100 35

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT AT ALMSHOUSE.

Total amount received during the year ending Dec. 31, 1886	$576 09
Total amount paid out during the year ending Dec. 31, 1886	524 87
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1887	$51 22

Total valuation, $1,531,969.00.

Respectfully submitted,

N. F. DUNPHE,
Auditor.

East Bridgewater, Mass , Feb. 10, 1887.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

Thirty marriages have been recorded during the year 1886.

Date.		Name of Bride and Groom and Residence.
1886.		
Jan.	20.	Albert C. Needham and Emma Turner, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. A. Rood.
	24.	Narcisse Mondoux and Adeline Bernard, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
	28.	Charles McGowan, of Bridgewater, and Mary Drislane, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
Mar.	9.	James H. Caffrey, of Concord, N. H., and Catharine Kingston, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Samuel Bell.
	31.	Sabin N. Scribner and Sadie Crowell, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
April.	7.	Wilson C. Stetson and Alice E. Hale, both of South Abington. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
	8.	Frank M. Fisher and Eva F. Hudson, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. E. S. Fletcher.
	18.	Daniel Conlon and Jane A. W. Osborne, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Wm. E. Kelley.
	18.	Abbott T. Hewett and Rebecca D. Latham, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

May	2.	Freeman R. Eldridge, of Kingston, and Evaleen E. Reed, of South Abington. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
	27.	Edwin L. Graham, of Whitman, and Myrtie G. Wentworth, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
	30.	Jefferson S. Bearse, of Brockton, and Annie L. Hayward, of West Bridgewater. By Rev. Richard Burn.
	30.	Roger Carr and Honora Garvey, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Wm. E. Kelley.
June	12.	Minot H. Edson and Dora E. Penniman, both of Whitman. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
July	3.	Lewis F. Trow and Sarah J. Foster, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
	4.	Frank C. Woodward, of Whitman, and Lena F. Paine, of Halifax. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
	4.	Clark Wentworth, of East Bridgewater, and Ella F. Loring, of Barnstable. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
	28.	Luther W. Richards and Harriet A. Holbrook, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Aug.	21.	Harry L. Roundy, of Abington, and Sarah F. Standish, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. B. F. Bowles.
	26.	James McHugh and Katie Murphy, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
Sept.	29.	James H. Caplice, of Rockland, and Margaret A. Morey, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Wm. E. Kelley.

Sept. 30. Arthur G. Waterman and Lura J. Burrell, both of East Bidgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Oct. 12. Thomas Coyle, of Boston, and Eliza Carroll, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.

12. Charles Boden and Adrianna Stevens, both of East Bridgewater. By Ephraim A. Hunt, J. P.

14. Walter W. Richmond and Nellie E. Brigham, both of Whitman. By Rev. Richard Burn.

Nov. 17. William L. White and Mary L. Gannett, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Richard Burn.

18. Harry N. Hoyt and Eva F. Brett, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Dec. 5. Otis E. Horring and Carrie L. Ames, both of Whitman. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

8. Edward E. Wright, of East Bridgewater, and Katherine M. Davis, of Wayland. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

8. Alson W. Chandler, of Bridgewater, and Sarah M. Scribner, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

FRANK SMITH,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1886.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Parents' Names.
1886.		
Jan. 25	Mary Ellen Robinson	William and Delia.
" 29	Edith Agnes Warren	W. Leroy and Jane R.
Feb. 10	Bessie Louise White	Clarence P. and Sarah A
" 13	Francis Patrick Barrett	Samuel W. and Nellie E.
" 24	Mary Ellen Bussey	William H. and Catherine M.
March 1	Laura Isabelle Sisson	Job E. and Lizzie F.
" 3	Henry Wallace Lincoln	Fred W. and Sarah J.
" 3	Rosie Silva	Manuel and Mary.
" 8	Frederic Remeyer	Alfred and Jennie.
" 12	James Martin Hagan	Peter and Mary A.
" 24	Fannie May Ames	Fred E. and Ida M.
" 26	Thomas Henry Crowley	Michael J. and Minnie F.
April 1	Alice Wilson Haire	Charles F. and Annie S.
" 4	Ina May Harden	John W. and Lura.
" 6	Grace Winfield Bloomstrand	George W. and Minnie E.
" 14	Albert C. Trescott	Frank A. and M. Gertrude.
" 19	Frederic Souza	Manuel and Mary.
" 24	Annie Lillian Adam	John and Mary.
May 3	Mary Louisa Daniels	Louis P. and Catherine E.
" 4	Elton R. Willis	Elmer F. and Etta W.
" 12	Mary Frances McGrath	James and Bridget.
" 13	George Albert Mills	George and Rebecca A.
" 16	Philip Leighton Gould	Maurice C. and Eldora A.
" 22	John Hubert Carroll	John W. and Annie.
June 2	John Manning	John and Mary.
" 12	George Pinseneault	Hezaniaire and Mathilde.
July 2	George Francis Long	Albert H. and Lizzie.
" 4	William Patrick Curley	Patrick N. and Ellen.
" 6	Florence Gertrude Lindsey	Ernest W. and Lizzie.
" 7	John Quill	Timothy and Hannah.
" 17	Mabel Walsh Chamberlain	George L. and Etta M.
" 22	James Sheehan	Morris and Margaret.
Aug. 1	Maud Ellis Magoun	Elisha R. and Lydia A.
" 11	James Murray	Thomas F. and Agnes A.
" 23	Elizabeth Cahoone Harris	Robert O. and Josephine D.
Sept. 5	William Pendergrast	James and Sarah.
" 6	John Gaucher	Michel and Ellen.
" 7	Mary Louise Kingman	Walter and Mary.
" 10	Edward Scott Whitmarsh	Ezra S. and Lucy C.
" 14	Dennis Joseph Sullivan	John and Mary.
Oct. 1	Arthur Monroe Burgess	John and Emma J.
" 10	John Michael Ellman	Peter and Alice.
" 24	Timothy Swift	Timothy and Mary.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1886. — *Continued.*

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Parents' Names.
1886		
Oct. 25	Minnie May Van Amringe	George C. and Thankful H.
" 30	Irving Alger Hall	Clifford and Louise E.
Nov. 4	Bessie Louise Alden	Frank and Emma F.
" 5	Louise Alice Kingston	Joseph and Alice.
" 12	Catharine McGarry	John and Mary A.
" 30	Florence Eva Adam	George and Annie A.
Dec. 30	Thomas Condon	Thomas and Kate
" 31	Sarah Griffin Fisher	Frank M. and Eva F.

Whole number of births in 1886, 51.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1886.

Date of Death.	Name.	Age.			Disease or Cause of Death.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1886.					
Jan. 6.	Eunice T. Harris	25	10	3	Pneumonia.
" 20,	Hannah Mahoney	31	5	20	Consumption.
" 30,	Nathan D. Hyde	82	10	9	Apoplexy.
Feb. 13,	John T. Carroll	13	11	22	Drowning.
" 19,	Ellen Condon	70			Pneumonia.
March 7,	Lillian F. Spiller	23	10	13	Consumption.
" 20,	Sally Packard	85	10		Old Age.
" 25,	Anna F. Josselyn	13	4	27	Diphtheria.
" 25,	Willie C. Josselyn	11	11	28	Diphtheria.
" 26,	Percy L. Josselyn	3	4	13	Diphtheria.
" 30,	Newton M. Keen	73			Pneumonia.
April 9,	Nathaniel W. French	73			Organic Dis. of Liver.
" 15,	Mary F. Mason	72			Acute Bron. Catarrh.
" 18,	Maria Rounds	88			Senile Decay.
" 20,	Herbert W. Mayo	20	5	8	Disease of the Liver.
" 23,	Hanora Mahoney	90			Old Age.
" 30,	Samuel C. Smith	73	8	18	Consumption.
May 8,	Michael Fitzgerald	70			Inanition.
" 15,	Lucia A. Whitman	78	11	2	Pneumonia.
" 15,	Sophia Potter	68	8	7	Hepatitis.
" 17,	Waldo T. Piper	40			Phthisis.
" 24,	Abram W. Wilson	76	2	16	Neuralgia.
" 26,	Nellie F. Arnold	1	1		Pneumonia.
June 14,	Ezra S. Whitmarsh	54	6		Phthisis.
" 16,	Jotham Hicks	80	3	3	Bright's Disease.
" 23,	Mary S. Turner	71	10	2	Apoplexy.
July 2,	Charrie E. Whipple	28	3	20	Phthisis.
" 5,	Ina L. Nutter	29	6	13	Cancer.
" 7,	Eliza J. Bates	71	9	20	Malignant Dis. Liver.
" 8,	Elijah W. Bliss	28	10	26	Phthisis.
" 20,	Wealthy S. E. Shaw	68	1	15	Exhaustion.
" 24,	Hannah Nash	82	6		Old Age.
Aug. 1,	Judah B. Keen	77	2	6	Apoplexy.
" 4,	David Allen	56		18	Gastritis.
" 7,	Susannah Washburn	69	4	26	Phthisis.
" 11,	James Murray			1	Premature Birth.
" 26,	Ellen R. Willis		3	21	Cholera Infantum.
Sept. 4,	Daniel Chaplin	65	11		Bright's Disease.
" 5,	Damon Hoyt	48	11	1	Pneumonia.
" 10,	Edward W. Barrows	70		24	Hemeplegia.
" 18,	Philip L. Gould		4	2	Cholera Infantum.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1886. — *Continued.*

Date of Death.	Name.	Age.			Disease or Cause of Death.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
Sept. 23,	Albert C. Trescott.....		5	9	Catarrhal Pneumonia.
" 29,	Thomas Carroll.....	4	6	5	Phthisis.
Oct. 19,	George Bernier.....	1	1		Pneumonia.
" 20,	Timothy Mitchell.....	86	5	3	Pulmonary Congest'n.
" 22,	Calvin Eaton.....	86	1	10	Old Age.
" 23,	Mabel W. Chamberlain..		3	7	Marasmus.
Nov. 11,	Frederic Souza.....		6	21	Bronchitis.
Dec. 10,	Hanora F. Mahoney....	26	10	10	Phthisis.
" 13,	Nathan Kingman.....	85	8	14	Old Age.

Whole number of deaths in 1886, 50.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

PLYMOUTH, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of East Bridgewater, in the County of Plymouth, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of East Bridgewater, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said town, on Monday, the seventh day of March next, at ten o'clock, A. M., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To hear and act upon the reports of town officers and committees.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to pay all town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 6. To adopt some method for the collection of taxes.

ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 8. To act upon a list of jurors as proposed by the selectmen.

ART. 9. To vote upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 10. To see what action the town will take upon order of notice from the County Commissioners, in regard to straightening and widening Central Street at the old burying ground.

ART. 11. To act upon any other business that may come before the meeting.

ART. 12. To take such action as the town sees fit with regard to requiring the County Commissioners to establish a county truant school, in accordance with the provisions of law.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up a copy thereof at the post-offices, and also at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said East Bridgewater, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

GEO. M. KEITH,
ELIAB LATHAM,
SAMUEL C. WHITE,
Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER

FOR

1886-7.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The following table exhibits the membership and attendance of each school for the eight school months closing February 4: —

ATTENDANCE.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.						PER CENT OF AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR YEAR.
	SUMMER.		FALL.		WINTER.		
	Whole No.	Ave'age Memb.	Whole No.	Ave'age Memb.	Whole No.	Ave'age Memb.	
High School	51	49	67	64	65	59	96.9
Central Grammar	36	30	44	39	41	36	93.7
Centre Intermediate	25	21	31	22	31	29	88.7
West Intermediate	34	33	35	33	33	32	94 3
West Primary	40	36	32	30	31	28	94.
North Primary	38	36	47	43	30	23	93.4
Beaver Grammar	29	26	30	27	29	28	90.
Beaver Primary	35	30	29	28	26	21	93.
Elmwood Grammar	31	30	31	31	30	29	96.
Elmwood Primary	36	34	35	27	32	30	91.
Northville Grammar	15	14	21	19	22	18	95.6
Northville Primary	24	22	18	16	18	16	95.1
Curtisville	16	16	18	16	18	17	90.8
Eastville	26	22	28	22	22	19	94.2
Satucket	24	18	26	21	24	22	93.7
Total	460	417	492	438	452	407	*93.2

* Average.

The number of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen years, as shown by the school census, taken May 1, 1887, was . . .	444
Decrease from last year	42
Whole number of pupils enrolled on school registers	521
Decrease from last year	18
Number over fifteen years	28
Number under five years	1
Number of pupils of school age attending . .	492
Decrease from last year	4
Average membership of the schools . . .	421
Decrease from last year	12
Per cent of average attendance	93

From the above tables it appears that, while there has been a considerable falling off in the number of children of school age, a larger proportion has been in attendance upon the schools, the average membership being but little below that of last year, and the per cent of attendance showing a slight increase.

In this respect the record of the past year is highly satisfactory, and gives evidence of the general interest taken in the schools by both pupils and parents.

At the beginning of the year the committee took measures for the prevention of truancy which has heretofore affected seriously several of the schools in the centre of the town.

Mr. T. H. Rounsville was appointed truant officer, and the teachers were instructed to report promptly to him all doubtful cases of absenteeism.

By watchfulness and prompt action on the part of the teachers and the officer, the evil has been checked, but not entirely broken up.

There are still a few offenders who stand in no fear of their parents or the officer, and who cannot be dealt with by ordinary methods. For such, more stringent laws and the establishment of a truant school are needed.

In order to enable teachers to detect more readily cases of truancy, the committee have re-established a rule which has long been in force, requiring an excuse from the parent or guardian in case of absence. This rule, with others recently passed, is printed at the end of the report.

TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS.

That the schools, as a whole, have made good progress during the year may be safely inferred from the continuance in service of so many of last year's corps of teachers.

A few changes occurred at the beginning of the present school year. That caused by the resignation of Miss Lura Burrell, from the Beaver Primary, was especially regretted by the committee, as she had filled her position faithfully and well through a long term of service, and had brought the school into excellent condition.

But two changes have occurred since the school year began.

The committee have exercised great care in selecting teachers, and have been fortunate in securing trained and competent instructors for all the vacant positions.

A gratifying improvement has been manifest in the Beaver, Central, and Elmwood Grammar schools since they were placed in charge of their present teachers.

In all three, a good state of discipline exists, thorough instruction is given, and a friendly feeling has been maintained between teachers and pupils.

The committee are glad to believe that, at the present time, all the schools are running smoothly and are free from any disturbing influences.

In compliance with the recently enacted law, requiring the study of physiology to be pursued in the public schools, the committee added this study to the prescribed course, and purchased a supply of text-books.

Some provision should be made for the safe-keeping and convenient handling of the text-books and other supplies which have been furnished to the schools for the use of the pupils.

Cases of suitable size, with shelves, drawers, and closets, can be made at a moderate cost.

According to an estimate prepared for the committee, the requisite number of cases can be furnished for $126, and the committee recommend that an appropriation be made for their purchase.

HIGH SCHOOL.

As in the preceding years of their connection with this school, its teachers have labored faithfully for its advancement, and their efforts have been attended with good results.

With few exceptions, the members of the several classes have accomplished the work prescribed for the year, and successfully passed the committee's examinations.

At the close of the last school year, seven pupils were graduated from the three years' and four years' courses. At the beginning of the present year, a class of twenty-nine pupils was admitted, raising the membership to sixty-five, the largest for several years.

To enable those who desire it to complete a four years' course in the school without taking up the study of the languages, the committee have dropped Latin from the regular course and placed it among the elective studies.

It may be advisable to make another change in the course by reducing the number of studies prescribed for the sub-senior year. This should certainly be done if the amount of work cannot be accomplished without crowding.

Much inconvenience and some discomfort to the pupils are caused by the retention of the present seats and desks, which have been in use from the time when the school was established, and which are of a pattern long discarded by most other high schools.

Additional apparatus is needed as an aid in the study of the physical sciences.

The following table shows the present membership and classification of the school : —

NUMBER OF PUPILS IN EACH CLASS, AND NUMBER IN EACH COURSE, FEB. 1, 1887.

	Number in each Class.	Number in 4 years' Course.	Number in 3 years' Course.	Number in 2 years' Course.
Seniors	2	2	..	..
Sub-Seniors	13	8	5	..
Ex-Juniors	21	14	6	1
Juniors	24	11	9	4
Totals	60	35	20	5

LIST OF GRADUATES, JUNE 25, 1886.

Four years' Latin and English course : —

Edward T. Morse. Jessie H. Hunting.

Four years' English course : —

Charles E. Bennett.

Three years' English course : —

Alice Pratt Eustis. Kate A. Maguire.

Kate May Fisher. Mary A. O'Brien.

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

All the school buildings are in a good state of repair, and, with the exception of that at Curtisville, answer the present needs of the schools occupying them.

The committee recommend that an appropriation be made this year to enlarge the Curtisville building, refit the interior, erect new outbuildings, grade the grounds, and build a new fence. The cost of these improvements will not exceed $600.

MUSIC.

However desirable it might be to make music a regular study in our schools, it would be impracticable to attempt it at the present time ; but the committee have encouraged the practice of making singing a daily exercise, as an agreeable change in the ordinary routine of the school-room.

Several of the schools are provided with organs, the rent being paid by contributions from the pupils. In a few instances, where the sums raised by the pupils were insufficient, the committee have paid the balance from the appropriation for incidentals.

The High School is now using an excellent instrument which the owner offers to sell, deducting from the usual price

the amount already paid as rent. The net cost would be about $100. The committee recommend that an appropriation be made to purchase this instrument, and aid in paying the rent of others in schools where good use of them will be made.

The following estimate is submitted of the sums needed for the schools for the present fiscal year: —

For the support of schools . . .	$5,700
Text-books and supplies . . .	500
Incidentals	300
Improvements at Curtisville . .	600
Bookcases	126
Purchase and rent of organs . .	175

E. W. NUTTER,
EZRA KINGMAN,
W. C. FICKETT,
School Committee.

East Bridgewater, Feb. 15, 1887.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The following rules and regulations are issued by vote of the School Committee for the guidance of teachers and the information of all others interested: —

1. Teachers are directed to open and close the daily sessions of their schools punctually on the hour appointed by the committee.

2. Teachers are expected to be in attendance, at their respective schools, at least ten minutes before the time appointed for the opening of each session.

3. Scholars shall not be deprived of their regular recess, though teachers may, for good reasons, give any pupil a recess at a different time from that assigned to the remainder of the school.

4. No pupil shall be deprived of any part of the noon intermission.

5. Teachers are not allowed to detain pupils after the time of closing the regular sessions, either for the purpose of discipline or for study, for a period of more than thirty minutes.

6. If a pupil has been absent or tardy, he shall bring to the teacher a written statement from his parent or guardian certifying that such absence or tardiness was with the knowledge and consent of such parent or guardian; but, in place of such written excuse, teachers may accept the verbal statement of parents or guardians to the same effect. Teachers and all others will understand that the object of this rule is to insure regularity of attendance, and to enable the committee to know whether scholars are irregular in their attendance on account of truancy, or for legitimate reasons.

W. C. FICKETT,

Secretary of Committee.

East Bridgewater, Feb. 10, 1887.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Appropriation	$5,600 00
Received from State Treasurer	182 63
" " County Treasurer	314 69
" " town of West Bridgewater	145 50
Amount available	$6,242 82

EXPENDITURES.

Teaching.

John W. Hutchins, High School	$1,020 00
Florence M. Cross, " "	420 00
Emma F. Eames, Central Grammar	277 80
Mary E. Worcester, " "	150 00
Lizzie L. Savery, Centre Intermediate	286 00
Hattie F. Whitemarsh, West Intermediate	315 00
Mary E. Barrett, West Primary	282 40
Grace Cook, North Primary	247 80
Sarah Bennett, Beaver Grammar	29 00
Lucy Toothaker, " "	55 00
Addie Johnson	240 00
Alice Bullard	30 00
Lura J. Burrell, Beaver Primary	160 00
Hattie Willis	105 00
Mrs. E. M. Murphy, Northville Grammar	350 00
Cora J. Ripley, " Primary	281 60
Mary E. Worcester, Eastville	160 00

Georgie S. Burleigh, Eastville	$24 00
Mary E. Keohan, "	96 00
Dillie McDonald, Curtisville	166 40
Hattie M. Bates	120 00
Ann W. Harden, Satucket	280 00
Lizzie B. Smith, Elmwood Grammar	200 00
Iva Nichols, " "	150 00
Jennie Donoghue " Primary	352 00
Town of Whitman	30 00
Total	$5,828 00

CARE OF HOUSES.

Mrs. Kate Barrett	$60 75
James Timmons	23 90
Mrs. Kate Barrett, cleaning	6 38
Mrs. Michael Hennessey	24 00
" " " cleaning	10 00
Fred Aldridge	4 00
Abby Beals	5 00
Alice N. Whitman	26 00
George A. Blanchard	4 00
Mrs. E. M. Murphy	6 00
Mrs. C. A. McKenzie, cleaning	2 50
Cora J. Ripley	10 00
" " " paid for cleaning	1 25
Roy S. Hayward	8 00
Percy M. Churchill	6 00
Russell Stevens	3 00
John Edson	3 00
Ann W. Harden	5 00
John Shepherd	5 50

Mrs. Robert Wade, cleaning	$3 25
Lester Harden	5 00
Frank R. Chesney	4 00
Preston Barker	3 00
Mrs. James Cunningham, cleaning	1 25
Total	$230 78

FUEL.

A. L. Alger, coal	$156 14
Joshua Dean, "	55 38
H. M. Porter, charcoal	3 00
Justin W. Richards, wood	3 00
John Burgess, "	2 00
H. C. Keith, "	4 00
Jehiel B. Harden, "	6 00
J. D. Jones, "	1 00
D. W. Gurney, "	4 00
W. C. Fickett, shavings	40
A. C. Churchill, preparing fuel	75
Edward Kingman, " "	2 25
Total	$237 92

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for teaching	$5,828 00
" care of houses	230 78
" fuel	237 92
Total	$6,296 70
Amount available	6,242 82
Excess of expenditures	$53 88

TEXT-BOOKS.

Ivison, Blakeman & Co.	$26 08
Harris, Rogers & Co.	14 40
Harrison Hume	52 75
Ginn & Co.	20 77
Wm. Ware & Co.	101 71
Silver, Rogers & Co.	2 40
Cowperthwait & Co.	7 08
Boston School Supply Co.	72 51
Harper Bros.	7 65
D. C. Heath & Co.	2 50
Thompson, Brown & Co.	9 59
Adams & Ingraham	20 65
W. P. Adams	12 16
F. M. Ambrose	28 23
D. Appleton & Co.	44 50
Clark & Maynard	17 97
Winkley, Dresser & Co	126 86
Total	$567 81
Appropriation	500 00
Excess of expenditures	$67 81

REPAIRS.

Paid S. L. Seaver, labor and stock	$59 49
Samuel R. Newhall, labor	3 56
Harlow Harden	3 50
M. S. Curtis	11 58
J. M. Whiting	9 28
L. F. Gammons, stoves, hardware	141 20
J. B. Harden, grading, etc.	12 50

Paid Reuben Harden, labor	$1 65
Mrs. E. M. Murphy, paper, etc.	3 18
A. K. Benson, labor	3 37
Ezra Sampson, "	1 75
Albert Needham, labor	1 40
John Davenport, "	75
G. C. Allen, lumber	1 16
H. C. Keith, carting	1 50
Total	$255 87
Appropriation	200 00
Excess of expenditures	$55 87

INCIDENTALS.

Paid J. H. Potter, cleaning clocks, etc.	$5 25
A. G. Waterman, brooms	1 50
E. W. Nutter, expense of obtaining teachers	9 85
R. O. Harris, services	1 00
W. L. Benson, team	4 00
Abby Wade, car fare	2 25
William Campbell, labor	50
Edgar Clark, "	3 00
Isadus Fuller, "	2 00
Patrick Quigley, "	2 25
W. S. Hodgdon, cleaning well	5 33
J. W. Hutchins, chemicals	6 15
Leonard Selee, taking census	15 00
L. J. Voigt, filling diplomas	1 75
F. C. Nutter, curtains, etc.	11 92
Boston Journal, advertising for teachers	1 88
Jarvis Burrell, printing	19 75
W. C. Fickett, paid for freight, etc.	96

Paid M. E. Barrett, rent of organ	$1 00
Eimer & Amend, chemicals	21 01
Alger & Co., express	14 45
Geo. S. Perry, ink, etc.	41 37
J. L. Hammett, supplies	82 32
George Frost & Co. pencil sharpener	5 00
Hinkley, Dresser & Co., supplies	69 19
Boston School Supply Co., "	27 70
Chas. H. Whiting,	4 32
	$360 70
Appropriation	300 00
Excess of expenditure	$60 70
In addition to the above, a bill incurred last year has been paid to L. F. Gammons, for which a special appropriation was made	$250 00

SUMMARY.

Total amount of bills paid	$7,781 08
" " available	7,492 82
Excess of expenditures	$238 26

E. W. NUTTER,

Treasurer of School Committee.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Jan. 1, 1877.

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE YEAR 1887.

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TOWN OFFICERS, 1887.

Town Clerk.
FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer.
ISAAC N. NUTTER.

Collector.
FRANK SMITH.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.
GEORGE M. KEITH. ELIAB LATHAM. SAMUEL C. WHITE.

School Committee.
WYMAN C. FICKETT. LEONARD SELEE. ASA MILLET.

Auditor.
N. FRANK DUNPHE.

Constables.
BENJAMIN SIDDALL. EDWARD E. EDSON. ROBERT J. MITCHELL.
CHARLES W. ADAMS. ISADAS FULLER.

Special Police.
FRANK M. FISHER.

Road Commissioners.
SAMUEL KEITH. JAMES W. LATHAM. HIRAM H. ERSKINE.

Measurers of Wood.
WILLIAM B. HALL. SAMUEL E. KEITH. CHARLES W. WIXON.

Weighers of Coal.
ARTHUR G. WATERMAN. WILLIAM O. SHELDON.
GEORGE ALLEN. SAMUEL E. KEITH.

Surveyors of Lumber.
SAMUEL L. SEAVER. WILLIAM H. JEFFERSON.

Field Drivers.
L. W. RICHARDS. WILLIAM L. WHITE. GALEN WILLIS.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.
ROBERT YOUNG.

Pound Keeper.
HENRY W. SEARS.

Fence Viewers.
HENRY GURNEY. A. HARRIS LATHAM.

Forest Firewards.
HENRY GURNEY. E. F. SAMPSON. CHARLES W. WIXON.

Engineers Fire Department.
MINOT S. CURTIS. WILLIAM O. SHELDON. FRED C. NUTTER.
L. F. GAMMONS. WARREN K. CHURCHILL.

Registrars of Voters.
ROBERT O. HARRIS. E. S. WHITMARSH. AMOS HUNTING. FRANK SMITH.

Committee on Public Library.
ISAAC N. NUTTER. GEORGE W. ALLEN. ALFRED B. PARKER.
MRS. HENRY HOBART. MISS ALICE STRONG. MISS PHIDA M. KEITH.

Town Hall Committee.
ISADAS FULLER. EDMUND W. NUTTER. CHARLES W. ADAMS.

Town Physician.
ASA MILLET, M. D.

Sexton.
M. L. WEBBER.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1887.

Support of schools,	$5,700 00	
School incidentals,	300 00	
Purchase and rent of organs,	175 00	
Text-books and supplies,	500 00	
Book-cases,	126 00	
Improvements at Curtisville,	600 00	
		$7,401 00
Repairs of highways,	$3,000 00	
Bridges and culverts,	500 00	
Sidewalks,	500 00	
Removal of snow,	200 00	
		4,200 00
Town officers and committees,	$1,200 00	
Support of poor,	3,000 00	
Suppression of crime,	100 00	
Police duty,	100 00	
Public library,	400 00	
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00	
Widening of Central Street at the Old Burying Ground,	500 00	
Incidentals,	500 00	
		5,900 00
Total appropriations,		$17,501 00
Town note due 1887,		3,844 52

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

STATE AID.

Paid Harriet B. Bates,	$48 00	
Sarah B. Gould,	48 00	
Betsey A. Hale,	48 00	
Mary Hudson,	48 00	
Sarah C. Hudson,	48 00	
Mary S. Ripley,	48 00	
Thankful O. Trow,	48 00	
Caroline Williams,	48 00	
Ezekiel W. Chamberlain,	6 00	
William A. Dyson,	23 50	
Benj. S. Hayward,	20 00	
Henry A. Osborne,	30 00	
		$463 50
Due from State,		463 50

MILITARY AID.

Paid Jere M. Hine,	$144 00
Edward Sharpe,	88 00
William S. Sampson,	60 00
Lysander M. Thompson,	16 00
Charles Wright,	48 00

Paid Francis D. White,	$30 00	
Selden M. Washburn,	120 00	
		$506 00
Half due from State,	$253 00	
Half paid by town,	253 00	
		506 00

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid Justin Dimick Post, G. A. R.,	$100 00
Appropriation,	100 00

SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Paid William H. Osborne,	$29 65	
Robert O. Harris,	15 00	
Dr. Millet,	2 00	
Benj. Siddall,	19 00	
		$65 65
Unexpended,		34 35
Appropriation,		$100 00

POLICE DUTY.

Paid Frank M. Fisher,	$2 00	
Irving Horton,	5 00	
Isadus Fuller,	5 00	
E. E. Edson,	4 00	
Chas. W. Adams,	3 00	
T. S. H. Rounseville,	5 00	
Rob't J. Mitchell,	73 80	
Benj. Siddall,	15 00	
John P. Lovell's Sons,	4 75	
		$117 55
Appropriation,		100 00
Excess,		$17 55

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, ETC.

Paid Samuel Keith for road commissioners,	$4,078 56
Unexpended,	121 44
Appropriation,	$4,200 00
Paid into the county treasury, as ordered by the county commissioners, for the town's proportion of land damages as awarded by them in widening Central Street between Union and Bedford Streets,	$730 00
Paid the committee for carrying out the Act of the Legislature of 1886, in regard to the "old burying ground," and the order of the county commissioners in relation to the widening of Central Street,	$500 00
Appropriation,	500 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid committee on public library,	$400 00
Appropriation,	400 00

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Paid E. W. Nutter, school committee,	$20 00	
E. W. Nutter, treasurer of school committee,	3 50	
		23 50
Wyman C. Fickett, school committee,	$168 50	
Wyman C. Fickett, treasurer of school committee,	15 00	
Wyman C. Fickett, purchasing, care and distribution of school supplies,	20 00	
		203 50

Paid Asa Millet, school committee,	$60 00	
Asa Millet, horse hire,	3 50	
		$63 50
Ezra Kingman, school committee,		17 75
Geo. M. Keith, assessor, selectman and overseer of the poor,	$190 00	
Geo. M. Keith, moderator,	3 00	
Geo. M. Keith, horse and railroad fare,	11 86	
		204 86
Eliab Latham, assessor, selectman and overseer of the poor,		69 25
Samuel C. White, assessor, selectman and overseer of the poor,	$93 53	
Samuel C. White, railroad fare,	3 20	
		96 73
Frank Smith, town clerk,	$73 45	
Frank Smith, collector of taxes,	175 94	
Frank Smith, registrar,	15 00	
		264 39
M. L. Webber, sexton,	$16 50	
M. L. Webber, teams, school committee,	29 00	
		45 50
I. N. Nutter, town treasurer,		100 00
N. F. Dunphe, auditor,		15 00
E. E. Edson, posting warrants,		3 00
Benj. Siddall, posting warrants,		9 00
Amos Hunting, registrar,		12 50
Robert O. Harris, registrar,		10 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, registrar,		7 50
		$1,145 98
Unexpended,		54 02
Appropriation,		$1,200 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid A. Mudge & Son, printing reports,	$108 75
Amos Hunting, street lamp and oil,	16 07
Alger & Co.'s express,	1 20
Warren K. Churchill, oil for street lamps,	5 75
Geo. M. Keith, postage and stationery,	2 50
Geo. M. Keith, copies of deeds,	1 75
E. W. Nutter, postage and stationery,	1 00
G. B. Jenness, damage on highway,	15 00
B. W. Keith, insurance,	90 15
East Bridgewater Savings Bank, office rent,	150 00
Irving Horton, oil and care of street lamps,	7 56
Jarvis Burrell, postals and printing,	25 85
Town of Whitman, taxes,	27 40
Town of Hanson, taxes,	26
McCann Bros., office table,	11 00
Benj. Siddall, care of town room,	12 00
I. N. Nutter, administering oaths,	3 00
I. N. Nutter, postage and stationery,	4 10
E. C. Linfield, printing notice,	5 00
Dr. Field, return births,	5 50
Dr. Hunt, return births,	5 00
William H. Tobey, return deaths,	50
Howard & Clark, return deaths,	1 00
L. Holbrook, return deaths,	6 25
	$506 59
Appropriation,	500 00
Excess,	$6 59

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Before the establishment of a fire department, the selectmen paid the following bills :—

Brockton Fire Department, services Dec. 23, 1886,	$50 00
H. Pigeon & Sons, poles for fire hooks,	8 50
Alger & Co.'s express,	2 00
C. C. Gin Co., Elmwood Hook and Ladder Co.,	4 01
W. K. Churchill, Elmwood Hook and Ladder Co.,	2 50
S. L. Seaver, repairs,	3 25
Chas. Siddall, repairs,	1 25

Since the establishment of one:

Engineers,	$134 51
Geo. Bryant, land rent,	12 00
Zebina Keith, land rent,	10 50
	$228 52

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

Amount allowed the department by law,		$100 00
Paid B. T. Baker, for repairing fire-buckets,	$0 50	
L. F. Gammons, for merchandise,	13 11	
C. W. Siddall, for labor on H. and L. trucks,	4 00	
F. C. Nutter, for sundries,	5 65	
W. O. Sheldon, printing, postage, etc.,	4 00	
W. K. Churchill, mdse. and labor,	7 25	
		34 51
Unexpended allowance,		$65 49

Appropriation for fire-alarm bell,		$100 00
Paid Henry McShane & Co., for bell,	$64 00	
F. C. Nutter, labor raising bell,	3 44	
Isadus Fuller, labor on belfry,	15 75	

Paid Keith & Jenkins, lumber for belfry,	$12 75	
M. S. Curtis, material and labor on belfry,	4 06	
		$100 00

Since the organization of the department, we have had both of the hook and ladder trucks put in good repair, and have organized a company to work the truck in the centre village; we found a thoroughly organized company existed in Elmwood when we were appointed.

The limited amount of money at our disposal has prevented our making some needed improvements during the past year; but we are in hopes the town will, in the future, render us the assistance needed to put the department on a sound footing.

The department have to thank Mr. Henry Hobart for the free use of the small hand-engine and equipments during the past year; and though we have had occasion to use the engine but once during the year, we have felt that it has afforded much protection to property in town.

MINOT S. CURTIS,
W. O. SHELDON,
W. K. CHURCHILL,
F. C. NUTTER,
L. F. GAMMONS.

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Joseph Ramsdell,	$2 00	
Zina Hayward,	1 95	
Lester B. Shaw,	1 30	
Deborah T. Morse,	6 25	
B. W. Keith, collector of taxes 1886,	77 10	
Frank Smith, collector of taxes 1887,	51 15	
		$139 75

No appropriation.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Ezra T. Fuller, labor,	$2 25	
Dr. Millet,	20 00	
E. L. Brown,	24 85	
		$47 10

Early in the season we had a complaint made to us by Mr. C. C. Woodward of Kingston, concerning property adjacent to his on Union Street, as being wet and filthy and thereby becoming a nuisance, and being a damage to him. We proceeded with Dr. Millet, whom we had previously appointed Agent of the Board of Health, to view the premises, and found nearly all the back-yards between Central Street and the depot, on the east side of Union Street, in damp and filthy condition, with no cesspools properly constructed, and the water in the wells so near the surface of the ground as to appear to be unfit for domestic purposes.

It also appeared evident to the Board that, while much might be done to improve the condition of the premises, by the construction of proper cesspools and care of the same, yet a greater part of the unhealthy condition of the property was due to a want of a system of drainage. The Board, then, in compliance with the statute, appointed a place and time of meeting for a hearing, and notified the property owners and persons who might be affected by a system of drainage, of the same. After said meeting, at which nearly all notified persons were present and were heard, it was decided that there should be some system of surface drainage provided. Accordingly we employed E. L. Brown, civil engineer and surveyor, to take levels and make surveys; but it was so late in the season before he completed his plans and reported, that we have not entered upon the work of constructing the same. We would therefore recommend that the town take some action upon this matter.

TRUST FUNDS.

Latham Fund.

Amount of fund,			$500 00
" available Jan. 1, 1887,		$43 80	
" of interest during the year,		23 53	
			$67 33
Amount paid out,			49 40
Amount available Jan. 1, 1888,			$17 93

Alden Fund.

Amount of fund,			$1,394 25
" available Jan. 1, 1887,		$29 59	
" of interest during the year,		64 30	
		$93 89	
Amount disbursed,	$15 50		
" paid for taxes,	27 40		
		42 90	
Amount available Jan. 1, 1888,		$50 99	
We have sold during the year standing wood to the amount of		$693 50	
Expenses attending sale,		44 25	
Net amount of sale,			$649 25
Amount of fund Jan. 1, 1888,			$2,043 50

LIST OF JURORS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Granville C. Allen.
Irving Bates.
Royal T. Brett.
Samuel Keith.
E. Austin Latham.
Isaac N. Nutter.

Charles R. Beals.
Wellington Caldwell.
Henry Edson.
William Edson.
Hiram H. Erskine.
Samuel Gurney.
Francis Hayward.
Abbot T. Hewitt.
Henry Hobart.
George B. Howland.
G. W. Nelson Joyce.
Francis M. Kingman.
Herbert C. Keith.
Nathan M. Poole.
F. Wilson Porter.
L. Watts Richards.
William B. Ripley.
Kimball E. Sheldon.
Charles W. Siddall.
George E. Skillings.
Joseph H. Strong.
Charles Thrasher.
George A. Wright.
Noah A. Washburn.
William S. Washburn.
William E. Whitman.

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Real estate,		$1,117,698 00
Personal estate,		531,061 00
Total,		$1,648,759 00
Town grant for 1887,	$17,501 00	
" note,	3,844 52	
State tax,	1,957 50	
County tax,	1,751 09	
Overlay,	282 12	
		$25,336 23
Deduct estimate from State,		2,200 00
		$23,136 23

Rate of taxation, $13 per $1,000.

State tax on polls, $1 } $2 each.		
County tax on polls, $1 }		
Tax on real estate,	$14,530 07	
Tax on personal estate,	6,903 79	
Tax on 851 polls,	1,702 00	
Gain on fractions,	37	
		$23,136 23
Subsequent assessment on 2 polls,		4 00
Subsequent assessment on real estate,		7 80
Total commitment,		$23,148 03

Houses taxed, 619.	Cows taxed, 360.
Acres of land, 9,930.	Oxen taxed, 34.
Exemptions granted, 57.	Swine taxed, 100.
Horses taxed, 380.	Sheep taxed, 17.

Other cattle taxed, 73.

DEPARTMENT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Paid Amos Hunting, groceries,	$92 18
Keith & Jenkins, grain,	232 27
F. C. Nutter, clothing,	35 38
H. W. Sears, warden,	425 00
Dr. Millet, salary as physician,	70 83
Dr. Millet, truss for Geo. Jenkins,	3 50
H. W. Sears, money paid for labor,	100 00
E. N. Ward, meat,	100 36
E. S. Whitmarsh, clothing,	37 10
S. L. Seaver, shingling,	93 64
Joshua Dean, coal,	67 32
Melzar Waterman, labor,	120 00
M. S. Curtis, paint, &c.,	1 99
L. F. Gammons, hardware, &c.,	56 20
Thomas Keith, surveying,	3 00
Net expense at almshouse,	$1,438 77

Total number of inmates during the year,	11
Present number of inmates,	7
Average number of inmates during the year,	9
Tramps lodged and fed,	46
Average cost per week for board,	$3 04

PRESENT INMATES.

Name.	Age.	Admitted.
Lewis Wright,	87	1878
George Jenkins,	88	1884
Sybil Dunbar,		1879
Ellen F. Edson,	31	1879
Rebecca Cummings,	74	1884
James B. Osborne,	43	1885
Thomas Griggs,	64	1886

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1887,	$51 22
Received from sale of hay,	194 82
" team work,	161 95
" bull,	15 50
" oxen,	156 00
" town treasurer,	100 00
" sundry produce,	36 40
	$715 89

CR.

Paid for clothing,	$8 28
" fish,	26 87
" groceries,	225 84
" bread,	1 86
" meat,	6 00
" labor,	168 47
" ice,	9 41
" oxen,	123 00
" cow,	28 00
" heifer,	9 00

Paid for trading bulls,	$3 00	
" repairs and tools,	45 75	
" dressing hogs,	6 00	
" carpet,	16 00	
" sundries,	28 40	
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1888,	10 01	
		$715 89

OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of N. S. Bouldry,		$176 61
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of R. O. Washburn,		189 19
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Clara Washburn,		183 18
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Catharine Rogers,		41 56
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Zilpha Hatch,		113 28
Town of Abington, aid to Mrs. Rumsey,		62 00
Town of Hanson, aid to Mrs. Worthington,		20 00
Howard, Clark & Co.,	$22 00	
Town of Hanover,	93 75	
aid to Johnson family,		115 75
Town of Natick, aid to Hatch family,		202 00
James H. Hill, aid to Mrs. Philetta Washburn,		60 00
Amos Hunting, aid to Mrs. W. U. Brett,		32 00
Amos Hunting,	52 61	
N. A. & W. W. Washburn,	2 75	
aid to J. H. Chadwick,		55 36
Amos Hunting,	60 90	
John Burgess	7 00	
aid to Mrs. S. R. Frost,		67 90
Mrs. A. A. Harding, aid for child,		25 00
Huram Wade,	52 00	
Geo. N. Holmes,	26 00	
aid to Mrs. J. L. Coulter,		78 00

Paid John Hobart,	$22 50	
Dr. Geo. Hunt,	62 50	
aid to Frank Alden,		$85 00
Amos Hunting, aid to A. S. Hathaway,		3 00
Bartley Curran,	17 00	
Stephen Griggs,	55 00	
Galen Willis,	17 50	
aid to R. S. Higgins,		89 50
Geo. W. Folsom,	60 00	
Eleazer Whitman,	6 50	
Joshua Dean,	18 00	
aid to Mrs. Barrows,		84 50
Town of Halifax,	46 80	
Town of Abington,	37 25	
aid to Alden Darling,		84 05
Dr. Millet, aid to Catharine Rogers,		3 00
City of Brockton, aid to A. P. Young,		13 25
Joshua Dean, aid to J. M. Whitman,		8 50
E.S.Whitmarsh, aid to O'Brien Quigley,		16 30
Total amount of orders drawn,		$1,808 93
Received from Bridgewater for aid to Frank Alden,	85 00	
Due from Whitman,	23 60	
Received from Geo. M. Keith, guardian of Mrs. Zilpha Hatch,	113 28	
		221 88
Net expense of outside poor,		$1,587 05
" " at almshouse.		1,438 77
Total amount, net,		$3,025 82
Appropriation,		3,000 00
Excess of appropriation,		25 82

SUMMARY.

Amount of Orders Drawn.

For State aid	$463 50
Military aid,	506 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
Suppression of crime,	65 65
Police duty,	117 55
Road commissioners,	4,078 56
County commissioners,	730 00
Committee on widening of Central street,	500 00
" " public library,	400 00
Town officers and committees,	1,145 98
Incidental expenses,	506 59
Fire department,	228 52
Abatement of taxes,	139 75
Board of health,	47 10
Support of poor at almshouse,	1,438 77
" " " outside almshouse,	1,808 93
	$12,276 90

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

Liabilities.

Note due East Bridgewater Savings Bank, dated March 8, 1887,	$3,000 00
Interest from Sept. 8 to Dec. 31, 1887,	47 50
Bills unpaid (estimated),	100 00
	$3,147 50

Assets.

Cash in treasury,	$3,219 04
Due from State,	716 50
" " Whitman,	23 60
" " collector,	194 06
	$4,153 20

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1888.

For Highways,	$3,000 00
Bridges and culverts,	500 00
Sidewalks,	500 00
Removal of snow,	200 00
Town officers and committees,	1,200 00
Support of poor,	3,000 00
Suppression of crime,	100 00
Police duty,	100 00
Incidentals,	500 00
Public library,	400 00
Hydrant service,	900 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00

GEORGE M. KEITH,
ELIAB LATHAM,
SAMUEL C. WHITE,

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Overseers of the Poor:

Gentlemen,—We are able to congratulate the town upon the improvement in the status of the almshouse since my last year's report.

We now have but three female inmates, two having been discharged since the last year. Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Edson and Miss Dunbar are all that now remain. Mrs. C. is in as good health as usual, and is able to be of some assistance in caring for the others. Mrs. Edson has more frequent fits of excitement, and is inclined to be more violent during them. We do not expect in her case any improvement and the only question in regard to her is whether it is proper and safe to keep her where she is or send her to the hospital. It is my opinion, judging from the condition of her brother and sister in the Taunton Hospital, it would be a deed of charity to her, and, if no more, a comfort to those who have the charge of her, to send her there. I make this statement, knowing the unjust reports that are circulated in regard to the condition and treatment of the inmates there. Miss Dunbar is not materially changed since last year. And her mental condition is such that she may as well be cared for where she is as anywhere.

The male inmates, since my last report, have been diminished by the dismissal of George Osborn, and the death of Mr. George Jenkins, who died Jan. 12, 1888, aged 92 years. He had been gradually failing for many weeks, and finally passed away without any symptoms of acute local disease. This is the only death among the inmates since Oct. 22, 1886.

Mr. Wright and Mr. Gregg are in good health, and if there

was any employment adapted to their condition might do something towards their own support.

Mr. James Osborn has failed in strength of body and mind the past year, and his fits return with greater frequency and severity. He cannot stand up against an incurable disease of such a grave character many weeks longer.

Our inmates in Taunton Hospital, we are very happy to know, have been diminished by the cure of Mrs. Catharine Rogers, who was discharged cured early last spring, and, to the best of my knowledge, she remains in a condition to justify the opinion of the Superintendent, who discharged her.

Robert Washburn is not materially changed as to the character of his insanity, but his alternate attacks are less frequent.

Clara Washburn has for a very long time now had a lucid interval, and seemed to me, when I last saw her, to be in the most comfortable condition I have ever seen her. Her condition and that of her brother fully sustains the opinion that they should not be removed from where they are.

Mr. Bouldry, our only other inmate in the hospital, is growing old, and is not able to do as much work as he could a few years ago, and knowing his violent character I fully believe it is not best to try the experiment of keeping him in a poor-house.

In a sanitary point of view, I have no doubt it would be wise for the town to contract with the water company to supply the buildings with water, and certainly it would be wise to protect the buildings and the inmates also from the danger of fire. I am aware of the expense of such an arrangement, and it is popular to preach economy to towns. Economy is a good thing, especially in regard to the spending of public money, but economy must never be allowed to interfere with the health or safety of any people.

Yours, &c., ASA MILLET.

Feb. 1, 1888.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

Paid the following persons for labor and material on highways, bridges and sidewalks :—

George Adam,	$21 29
Jacob Atwood,	26 62
C. E. Allen,	7 87
Edwin Bowman,	10 77
W. L. Benson,	110 55
W. L. Blanchard,	2 63
C. E. Brown,	78 15
A. W. Blanchard,	15 00
E. Bond,	9 00
B. K. Bliss,	12 37
Jarvis Burrell,	1 50
C. B. Beals,	3 42
East Bridgewater Iron Co.,	8 82
Dennis Curran,	329 96
John Condon,	15 32
Edward Campbell,	11 81
Geo. L. Chamberlain,	189 62
John McCarty,	3 25
E. L. Clark,	105 80
Michael Clarity,	1 75
Bartley Curran,	19 50
Phil. Daniels,	27 31
Geo. H. Dreslain,	90 09
Dan'l Desmond,	77 39
John Demond,	26 60
John Elegate,	8 75

John D. Egan,	$12 25
H. H. Erskine,	53 35
D. F. Edson,	11 68
Geo. W. Fulsom,	14 10
Isadus Fuller,	4 50
E. T. Fuller,	4 75
Peter Fannin,	3 94
H. M. Gilman,	11 37
Wm. Green,	56 87
Henry Gurney,	87 98
D. W. Gurney,	20 75
Samuel Gurney,	3 21
L. F. Gammons,	43 06
Francis Hayward,	67 33
Jehiel B. Harden,	31 75
M. P. Hudson,	2 80
Michael Hennessy,	146 83
Maurice Hennessy,	136 29
Waldo Hayward,	29 32
Luther Harden,	54 64
Theodore Hobart,	1 25
Samuel J. Hoyt,	28 50
Herbert Harding,	1 75
John B. Harding,	27 78
P. H. Howe,	6 25
Hosea Hathaway,	21 12
Oliver Holmes,	1 75
Edward Howard,	3 00
Samuel Keith,	198 62
H. C. Keith	107 67
J. O. Howland,	3 21
W. E. Keith,	3 25
Keith & Jenkins,	122 17
A. P. Kingman,	2 00

Keith & Latham,	$55 70
J. W. Latham,	119 42
Cyrus Ledgeroutz,	128 18
Paul Ledgeroutz,	4 37
C. G. Littlefield,	4 63
Eliab Latham,	84 50
A. H. Latham,	37 85
C. A. Latham,	3 00
Timothy Murphy,	132 12
James Mahoney,	10 27
Stetson & Mosley,	155 60
Daniel O'Neal,	88
Samuel R. McKenzy,	16 05
C. V. Pendleton,	4 72
Nathaniel Perkins,	11 25
Lemuel Pratt,	12 25
Martin Parris,	14 16
James Roach,	157 10
C. D. Richardson,	5 01
L. P. Raymond,	3 50
John Reed,	3 30
David Roach,	5 10
O. C. Railroad,	10 00
E. F. Sampson,	26 42
S. L. Seaver,	21 50
H. W. Sears,	88 45
Benj. Siddall,	1 25
C. W. Siddall,	4 70
Jabez Sturtevant,	10 63
Joshua Sturtevant,	4 20
Joshua Sturtevant, Jr.,	8 75
W. Shaw,	2 25
Lester Stevens,	10 50
F. W. Sturtevant,	1 58

W. C. Smelley,	$3 72
L. B. Shaw,	7 00
Patrick Welsh,	54 96
C. W. Wixon,	77 88
Galen Willis,	19 35
E. Whitman,	20 90
Metzer Waterman,	87
Luke Worcester,	5 00
Matthew Wilder,	7 88
S. C. White,	8 37
C. S. Whitman,	21 00
David Tower,	4 57
J. Thurlow,	4 50
Daniel Thrasher,	1 75
Charles Thrasher,	3 50
F. W. Porter,	3 57
Ames Plow Co.,	1 50
	$3,945 74
Received selectmen's order to amount of	3,945 74
Appropriation for highways,	$3,000 00
Expended,	2,972 12
Less appropriation,	$27 88
Appropriation for bridges and culverts,	$500 00
Expended,	469 37
Less appropriation,	$20 63
Apropriation for sidewalks,	$500 00
Expended,	494 25
	$5 75

PAID FOR REMOVING SNOW FROM ROADS AND SIDEWALKS.

C. E. Brown,	$3 70
E. B. Brown,	2 00
F. L. Brown,	90
A. W. Blanchard,	1 60
W. L. Benson,	9 50
David Burns,	1 80
B. P. Beals,	1 00
E. L. Clark,	6 50
Ed. Campbell,	1 00
H. H. Erskine,	3 00
J. S. Eastman,	6 80
E. T. Fuller,	60
D. W. Gurney,	11 30
C. H. Gilman,	50
Francis Hayward,	8 17
M. P. Hudson,	4 00
Hosea Hathaway,	6 00
M. Hennessy,	1 40
John B. Harding,	8 90
Jehiel B. Harding,	1 20
F. R. Hatch,	1 00
A. T. Hatch,	1 00
A. M. Harding,	1 00
L. Keith,	1 00
Samuel Keith,	3 00
F. W. Keene,	1 10
H. C. Keith,	9 60
C. A. Latham,	5 60
A. H. Latham,	2 50
F. W. Porter,	3 20
James Roach,	12 75
O. M. Sharp,	60

E. F. Sampson,	$1 20
H. W. Sears,	1 60
David Tower,	2 80
M. Waterman,	1 40
Oris Washburn,	80
G. Willis,	2 00
Robert Young,	80
	$132 82

Appropriation for snow was	$200 00
Received selectmen's orders amount of	132 82
Less appropriation,	$67 18

SAM'L KEITH,
J. W. LATHAM,
H. H. ERSKINE,

Road Commissioners of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The committee appointed by the selectmen, March 12, 1887, were Geo. W. Allen, Alfred B. Parker, I. N. Nutter, Mrs. Henry Hobart, Miss Alice Strong and Miss Phida M. Keith.

The committee organized March 29 by choosing A. B. Parker chairman, and I. N. Nutter secretary and treasurer.

The arrangement made two years ago to have the library open two afternoons and three evenings in each week, has been continued, the library having been open each Monday and Wednesday afternoon from three to five o'clock, and each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evening from six to eight o'clock.

The committee at its first meeting voted that the compensation of the librarian be one hundred dollars for the year commencing Jan. 1, 1887.

At a meeting of the committee held June 7, 1887, Miss Mary T. Rogers resigned the position of librarian, to take effect July first.

The following vote was passed unanimously:

"*Voted*, That the committee regret to lose the services of Miss Rogers, and they hereby express their thanks to her for the efficient and faithful manner in which she has discharged the duties of librarian since the establishment of the library."

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Rogers was filled by the appointment of Miss Lucy L. Siddall, who has performed the duties in a manner entirely acceptable to the committee.

Mr. Isaac S. Whitman, of Bangor, Me., has supplemented his gift of a year ago with the last annual volume of the American Cyclopædia.

The number of volumes now in the library is fourteen hundred and thirty-seven, having been increased one hundred and eighty-nine by purchase, and forty-two volumes have been donated.

Number of books given out from Jan. 1, 1887, to Jan. 1, 1888,	5,838
Largest number on any day, Dec. 31,	77
Smallest number on any day, Jan. 24,	8
Average number,	31.62

Cards have been issued during the year to 75 new patrons.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand,	$57 49
Appropriation by the town,	400 00
Cash of librarian, amount of fines collected,	22 22
	$479 71

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for books purchased,	$223 36
For magazines purchased,	19 88
Mary T. Rogers, librarian,	45 82
Lucy L. Siddall, librarian,	54 14
Express and freight,	1 85
For binding books and magazines,	23 45
Insurance,	7 50
J. Burrell, printing,	20 90
Incidental,	9 21
	$406 11
Cash in hands of committee,	73 60
	$479 71

I. N. NUTTER,

For Committee.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. Nutter, *Town Treasurer*,
In account with the town of East Bridgewater.

Dr.

1887.			
Feb.	5.	Balance as per previous report,	$434 42
	10.	Town of West Bridgewater, tuition of pupils in Beaver school,	145 50
	22.	B. W. Keith, collector,	61 63
March	8.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of,	3,000 00
	14.	B. W. Keith, collector,	12 00
	25.	Town of Whitman, on account of military settlements,	27 92
		State Treasurer, corporation tax,	60 22
		State Treasurer, national bank tax,	6 60
April	25.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of,	1,000 00
May	3.	Frank Smith, for license of sixth class to sell liquors,	1 00
		James F. Morey, for pool table license,	2 00
		Town of Bridgewater, aid to F. Alden,	62 50
	25.	State Treasurer, borrowed of,	3,000 00
July	1.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of,	1,000 00
	16.	B. W. Keith, collector, balance on account tax of 1886,	26 72
	30.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of,	1,000 00

Sept.	29.	Quincy Mut. Fire Ins. Co., dividend on expired policies on school-houses,	$43 64
Dec.	10.	Treasurer of Commonwealth, corporation tax,	1,798 10
		Treasurer of Commonwealth, national bank tax,	744 76
		Treasurer of Commonwealth, State aid,	263 00
		Treasurer of Commonwealth, State aid,	444 00
	26.	Town of Bridgewater, aid to F. Alden,	22 50
	31.	Town of Abington, aid to Everett Peck,	15 00
1888.			
Jan.	7.	Geo. M. Keith, guardian, for support of Zilpha Hatch,	113 28
	11.	Alden fund, repayment of taxes,	27 40
	14.	School committee, for books and material sold,	1 38
	19.	County Treasurer, dividend on dog tax,	355 31
	25.	State Treasurer, income of school fund,	180 06
	28.	Frank Smith, collector, on account tax 1887, including previous payments,	23,043 04
			$36,891 98

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1887.			
March	4.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest,	$40 00
May	3.	State Treasurer, one-fourth of amount received for license issued to Frank Smith,	25
Sept.	30.	State Treasurer, note,	3,000 00
		State Treasurer, interest on note,	43 33
Feb.	22.	Tax of 1886 on real estate held by town by deed from collector,	2 98

Oct.	4.	County Treasurer, county tax 1887,	$1,751 09
		East Bridgewater Savings Bank, four notes,	5,844 52
		East Bridgewater Savings bank, interest on four notes,	142 98
Nov.	10.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note,	1,000 00
		East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest,	27 08
Dec.	10.	State Treasurer, State tax 1887,	1,957 50
1888.			
Jan.	21.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest on note of $3,000 (principal unpaid),	75 00
		Tax of 1887, on real estate held by town,	3 25
		Orders drawn by selectmen,	12,276 90
		Orders drawn by school committee,	7,508 06
			$33,672 94
Cash on hand,			3,219 04
			$36,891 98

I. N. NUTTER,
Town Treasurer.

East Bridgewater, Mass.,
Feb. 4, 1888.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

1887. RECEIPTS.

Jan.	1.	Cash on hand,	$83 42
	5.	Ward's Dramatic Company,	8 00
	6.	Knights of Labor, L. H.,	2 50
	7.	Unitarian Society,	7 00
	14.	Knights of Labor, L. H.,	2 50
	21.	" " "	2 50
	28.	" " "	2 50
Feb.	4.	" " "	2 50
	11.	" " "	2 50
	15.	Unitarian Society,	7 00
	17.	Knights of Labor, L. H.,	2 50
	18.	J. Lyons, dance,	10 00
	25.	Knights of Labor, L. H.,	2 50
March	4.	" " "	2 50
	11.	" " "	2 50
	16.	Farmers' Meeting,	3 00
	18.	Knights of Labor, L. H.,	2 50
	23.	Unitarian Society,	7 00
	25.	Knights of Labor, L. H.,	2 50
April	1.	"Do Something" Club,	6 00
	19, 20, 21, 22.	Unitarian Society,	14 00
	8, 15, 25.	Knights of Labor,	7 50
	26.	J. F. Holmes, dancing school.	4 00
	29.	J. Lyons, dance,	10 00
May	3.	J. F. Holmes, dancing school,	4 00
	5, 6.	Unitarian Society,	10 00
	10, 17.	J. F. Holmes, dancing school,	8 00

May	20.	J. Lyons, dance,	$10 00
	2, 9, 16, 23.	K. of L., L. H.,	10 00
June	13, 27.	K. of L., L. H.,	5 00
	14.	F. D. Straffin Minstrels,	10 00
July	12, 25.	K. of L., L. H.,	5 00
		Unitarian Society, settees,	1 00
Aug.	8, 23.	K. of L., L. H.,	5 00
Sept.	12, 19.	" " "	5 00
	22.	Hennessy Brothers,	10 00
	23.	"Cattle Show" Ball,	7 00
Oct.	3, 17.	K. of L., L. H.,	5 00
	14.	J. Lyons, dance,	10 00
Nov.	2.	Unitarian Society,	6 00
	25.	Mrs. R. O. Harris, German,	9 00
Dec.	2.	People's Theatre Company,	10 00
	9.	C. E. Linfield, Lecture,	5 00
	22.	Unitarian Society,	6 00
	23.	Warfield's Minstrels,	10 00
	29.	High School Reunion,	5 00
	30.	J. Lyons, dance,	10 00
		Interest on deposit to Jan. 1, 1888,	6 23
			$369 15

1887. EXPENDITURES.

Jan.	31.	Isadas Fuller, janitor,	$8 75
Feb.	19.	A. Hunting, 1 bbl. kerosene oil,	5 56
	20.	Cleaning room,	40
		Wax for floor,	50
		J. Burgess, wood,	2 00
	28.	Isadas Fuller, janitor,	7 50
March	30.	Mrs. Dwyre, cleaning,	5 00
		Isadas Fuller, labor and stock,	2 25
		A. Hunting, soap,	36
		Isadas Fuller, janitor,	8 50

April	30.	J. Burrell, printing,	$1 87
		A. C. Chandler, tuning and repairing piano,	4 50
		J. Dean, coal,	7 50
		Geo. R. Whitney, tuning and moving piano,	7 00
		Isadas Fuller, janitor,	14 00
May	31.	Isadas Fuller, janitor,	17 00
June	30.	L. F. Gammons,	1 65
		Isadas Fuller, janitor,	3 50
July	31.	Isadas Fuller, janitor,	2 00
Aug.	31.	Isadas Fuller, janitor,	3 50
Sept.	30.	Isadas Fuller, janitor,	4 50
Oct.	31.	Amos Hunting,	1 23
		Isadas Fuller, janitor,	4 00
Nov.	31.	Mrs. Dwyre, cleaning,	8 00
		Isadas Fuller, janitor,	5 25
Dec.		Amos Hunting,	23
		Wax for floor,	2 70
		L. F. Gammons,	6 40
		Isadas Fuller, janitor,	10 00
		Isadas Fuller, Secretary and Treasurer of Committee,	10 00
			$155 65
		By cash on hand,	213 50
			$369 15

E. W. NUTTER.
CHAS. W. ADAMS.
ISADAS FULLER.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE OLD GRAVEYARD.

The committee chosen at the last annual town meeting to carry out the order of the County Commissioners in relation to the widening of Central Street, and to make the improvements upon the Old Graveyard authorized by Chapter 116 of the Acts of 1886, have attended to their duty, and submit the following

REPORT:

The work of widening Central Street and improving the Old Graveyard was commenced in May and completed in June, 1887.

The work of removing the remains of all persons known to have been buried in that part of said graveyard taken for the widening of the street, was first undertaken.

Williams Latham, Esq., published his unique and most valuable work, entitled, "Epitaphs in Old Bridgewater," in 1882. This book contains a diagram of the Old Graveyard, in which every known grave is numbered.

The committee deemed it wise to adopt the numbers of the graves as given by Mr. Latham, and to preserve a complete record of the changes made in the location of any graves removed, showing their new location, so that they may be readily found by the aid of said book and said record. We hereunder give that record, hoping that it may be printed with other town reports, and recorded in full in the record books of the town, that the memory of these things may be preserved to future generations.

Record of the changes made in the graves in the Old Graveyard in East Bridgewater, in May, 1887:

No. 12. James Thomas, d. Jan. 28, 1828, age 72.
" 13. Mary Thomas, " April 10, 1836, " 81.
" 11. Sarah Parks, " Feb. 15, 1826, " 93.

These were removed back a few feet into the line of the family of Winslow Thomas, No. 107, No. 12 being placed next west of No. 107, and the others next in the above order.

No. 21. Hon. Hugh Orr, d. Dec. 6, 1798, age 82.
" 22. Mary Orr, " July 27, 1804, " 80.

These were removed to the lot in the new cemetery of their grandson, Robert Orr.

No. 24. Hugh Orr, Jr., d. July 19, 1837.
" Hannah S. K. Orr, d. March 13, 1878.
" Thomas Orr, " May 29, 1827.

These were removed to the lot of Nathan W. Edson, in the new cemetery.

No. 30. Capt. Nathaniel Cross, d. June 5, 1840, age 61.
" 31. Margaret Cross, " Jan. 11, 1870, " 86.
" 36. Edward W. Cross, d. May 20, 1830, age 18 mos.
George Cross; no number; a late burial.

These were removed back some feet and buried in the above order from east to west, just back of numbers 115 and 116.

No. 37. Ephraim Hyde, d. Aug. 28, 1834, age 65.
" 38. Mary Hyde, " Apr. 6, 1847, " 75.
" 39. Mary Hyde, " Mar. 22, 1836, " 40.
" 40. Ephraim Wallace Rust, d. Feb. 2, 1836, age 4 1-2

These were removed to the lot of the family of Wallace Rust, in the new cemetery.

A new line of graves was made, beginning next west of the grave of Alice Harris, No. 117, in which new line the following re-interments were made in this order, from east to west:

No. 1. Mrs. Ann Holman, d. Jan. or Feb. 28, 1757, age 45.
" 2. William Holman, " March 24, 1757, age 22.

No. 3.	Ann Byram,	d.	Sept.	26, 1757,	age	20.
" 4.	John Holman,	"	Apr.	25, 1755,	"	49.
" 34.	Col. John Holman,	"	May	26, 175–,	"	81.
" 35.	Sarah Holman,	"	Aug.	26, 1740,	—	—
" 32.	Benjamin Johnson,	"	Nov.	22, 1768,	"	58.
" 33.	Ruth Johnson,	"	Sept.	8, 1764,	"	48.
" 9.	Robert Dawes,	"	Apr.	27, 1755,	"	34.
" 10.	Josiah Whitman,	"	Apr.	18, 1754,	"	31.
	Elizabeth Whitman,	d.	Jan.	22, 1778,	"	55.
" 14.	Susannah Bass,	——	——	——	"	90.
" 15.	Capt. Jonathan Bass,	d.	May	17, 1750,	age	55.
" 16.	Dea. Samuel Bass,	"	Feb.	20, 1751,	"	91.
" 23.	Margaret Orr,	"	Jan.	18, 1837,	"	78.
" 26.	Thomas Otis,	"	Dec.	31, 1763,	"	2.
" 27.	Phebe Otis,	"	Aug.	8, 1753,	"	11 mos.
" 28.	Eli Orr,	"	Apr.	2, 1838,	"	5.
" 29.	Ezra Orr,	"	Oct.	28, 1839,	"	5 mos.
" 25.	Nabby Otis,	"	——	— 1753.		
" 17.	Joseph Keith,	"	July	30, 1750,	"	2.
" 19.	William Keith,	"	Dec.	16, 1751,	"	3.
" 20.	William Keen,	"	Aug.	7, 1747,	"	6.

The monument of Alice Stetson, daughter of Abisha Stetson, was unearthed in excavating, and erected next west of No. 20. She died Feb. 28, 1815, age 16 mos.

The monument of Thomas Otis, who died Feb. 9, 1797, was also excavated and given a place next east of Hannah Otis, No. 91. Both these stones were manifestly out of place.

No. 5 was a foot-stone to No. 4. No. 6 a foot-stone to No. 241. No. 7 foot-stone to 242. No. 8 a foot-stone to 243. No. 18 a foot-stone of No. 16. These foot-stones were all re-erected, with the monuments to which they respectively belong.

All the graves from 41 to 72 on the front line were moved back slightly, or lowered, as the improvement required, but they remain in the same order as before.

All unknown graves, of which there were a few without monuments, on the front line, were carefully removed, and given as nearly as possible the same relative position which they had before the improvement. They are, however, undistinguished, and must forever remain so.

Your committee have taken the utmost pains to carefully preserve the remains of the persons buried within the space required for, or disturbed by, said widening, and all monuments which stood there or were found in the progress of the work.

It was found that by using the material of the old wall, and laying it in cement, a very substantial or durable wall could be made, and one which would be more in keeping with the character of the old graveyard itself, than a wall constructed of new, and even much more costly, material would be. The result was that we were able to make the removals, re-erect the wall, and add a substantial curbstone and well paved gutter on the whole length of the line, and yet but slightly exceed the appropriation.

The improvement is one which we think ought to meet universal approval.

We here append a detailed statement of the money expended in the improvement:—

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURE.

Charles Wilson, for curbing,	$140 15
Railroads, freight on stone,	43 35
Samuel Keith, road commissioner, time, labor and expense,	55 23
Keith & Jenkins, lime, cement, etc.,	39 19
J. D. Jones, coffins, stakes, etc.,	12 64
Fred Hanson, headstone Sam'l Angier,	30 00
Joshua Dean, repairing gate,	19 84
J. B. Harding, for stone,	4 50
E. L. Clark, for carting,	13 00

L. F. Gammons, for cement,	$6 00
Edward A. Howard, for labor (3 bills),	34 50
G. A. Dresland, labor and teaming,	15 00
Dennis Curran, " " "	30 74
William Reed, for labor,	4 00
Elijah Hinkley, "	6 95
Michael Henessy, for labor,	7 00
Morris Henessy, "	29 33
George L. Chamberlain, for labor,	42 75
Timothy Murphy, "	28 00
	$562 17
Appropriation,	500 00
Deficiency due to Samuel Keith, Chairman,	$62 17

This excess of expenditures over the appropriation is mainly accounted for by two items not contemplated in the original estimate; one being the sum of $19.84 for repairing the iron gate, and the other being the sum of $30.00 paid for a head-stone at the grave of Rev. Samuel Angier, to replace the former one thrown down and broken by some person unknown to the Committee, while the work was in progress.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL KEITH.
B. W. HARRIS.
HENRY HOBART.
CHARLES E. FIELD.
ASA MILLET.
GEORGE M. KEITH.

East Bridgewater,
Feb. 2, 1888.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Treasurer, Assessors, and Collector, and have the honor to report as follows :—

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on the treasurer,	$12,276 90
Amount of orders paid by the treasurer,	12,276 90

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on the treasurer,	$7,508 06
Amount of orders paid by the treasurer,	7,508 06

TREASURER.

Amount received during the year,	$36,891 98
Amount paid out during the year,	33,672 94
Cash on hand,	$3,219 04

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection,	$23,148 03
Interest,	88 07
	$23,236 10
Amount collected and paid to the treasurer,	23,043 04
Uncollected taxes,	193 06

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT AT ALMSHOUSE.

Total amount on hand Jan. 1, 1887, and received during said year,	$715 89
Total amount paid out during the year ending Dec. 31, 1887,	705 88
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1888,	$10 01

Total valuation, $1,648,759.
Rate, $13 per $1000.

I feel that much credit is due the town officials whose books and accounts I have examined, for the able manner in which the same have been kept, their accuracy and neatness, and for the promptness of said officials in responding to the Auditor's call.

Respectfully submitted,

N. F. DUNPHE,

Auditor.

East Bridgewater, Mass.,
Feb. 7, 1888.

COPY OF CONTRACT

WITH THE

BRIDGEWATERS WATER COMPANY

For Hydrant Service.

Articles of Agreement made and entered into this ninth day of June, A. D. 1887, by and between the Bridgewaters Water Company, a corporation duly organized and established under and by the authority of Chapter 192 of the Acts of Massachusetts of the year 1887, approved April 18, 1887, party of the first part, and the town of East Bridgewater in the County of Plymouth and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, party of the second part:—

Witnesseth: That whereas the said party of the first part is about to construct, and proposes hereafter to keep up, maintain, and operate, a System of Water Works for the purpose of supplying the said town of East Bridgewater and the adjoining town of Bridgewater with water for domestic, manufacturing and other purposes, including the extinguishment of fires, as provided for, and as it is authorized to do by the Act aforesaid.

Now, therefore, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto, that they shall be mutually bound by the provisions and stipulations hereunder written for the full period, thirty years from and after the completion of said system of Water Works. Provided, however, that if either party shall at any time within said period of thirty years, fail for the space of six months to observe and perform the agreements and stipulations herein contained, on its part to be observed, kept and performed, then and in that case, all obligations on the part of the other party

hereto, herein contained and set forth, shall terminate and cease to be of binding force and effect.

WATER SUPPLY.

The party of the first part agrees to furnish an ample supply of water for all the purposes hereinafter specified, to be taken from springs on the lands formerly owned by Cromwell Alden, or lands of Joseph C. Norton, Jr., situated in said Bridgewater, or both, or from some other source of equally pure water, if the supply from said springs should prove to be inadequate; for and during said period of thirty years.

PUMPING PLANT.

The said party of the first part further agrees to erect, maintain and operate, at or near said springs or other source of water supply, as before provided, a substantial pumping station, provided with adequate steam or other motive power, and two compound condensing pumping engines of a daily pumping capacity each of 1,000,000 gallons, with proper condensers, feed pump, and all other requisite fittings and fixtures necessary to a complete, perfect, and substantial Plant.

STAND PIPE.

And the party of the first part further agrees to erect and maintain on or near the summit of Sprague's Hill, so called, in said Bridgewater, a stand pipe of iron, on a substantial stone foundation, which shall be at least 75 feet high above said summit, and have an inside diameter of not less than 25 feet, and to connect said stand pipe with said pumping station and pumping plant, with an adequate supply pipe of cast iron of not less than ten inches in diameter.

MAINS AND DISTRIBUTION PIPES.

And the said party of the first part further agree to lay and maintain during the said period of thirty years, a system of

street main and distribution pipes to be connected with said stand pipe and at all times to be kept supplied with water under pressure by means of said pumping plant and stand pipe, of the sizes, and in and through the streets and other places in said town of East Bridgewater, as shown on a plan or chart of said water works, drawn by George Alexander, civil engineer, dated June 6, 1887, and signed by said Alexander and by B. W. Harris, president of said Bridgewaters Water Company, a copy of which shall be furnished by the party of the first part to the party of the second part, duly certified or authenticated.

Said main and distribution pipes are to be of cast iron, ranging from eight to three inches in diameter, and shall be laid not less than four and one-half feet below the surface of the ground, and when so laid shall stand a pressure test of 300 lbs. to the square inch of inside surface.

All pipes and special castings used in said supply pipe, main and distribution pipes, and their connecting parts, shall be thoroughly coated, inside and out, with a solution of pitch varnish according to what is known as Dr. Angus Smith's Process.

The metal of all pipes and special castings used in the construction of said water works, are to be poured from remelted pigs of good American grey iron, such as shall give uniform granulation and produce a rough casting of the most durable character, and bear a tensile strain of not less than 1600 lbs. to the square inch.

The special castings of the respective diameters and classes are to conform in safe tensile strength with the pipes they are to join, and are to conform in thickness as nearly as safety requires with the plain pipes of like diameters and classes.

HYDRANTS.

The said party of the first part further agrees to furnish, set and keep up and maintain during said period, at points on the lines of main and distribution pipes, to be determined by agents

of said party of the second part, during the progress of construction of said water works, thirty improved, non-freezing fire hydrants, the same to be each provided with two or three outlets of large size and capacity, according as the location may require.

And the said party of the first part further agrees that it will, at the request of any authorized agent of the party of the second part, change the location of any hydrant, or put in the place of one to be removed one of larger or different capacity, at any time during said period of thirty years, the said party of the second part paying the actual cost of such changes.

And the said party of the first part further agrees to put in, keep up and maintain twenty other hydrants on said lines of main and distribution pipes, at points to be designated as before provided, from time to time during the period of this contract, whenever said party of the second part may request the same to be done.

Whenever the whole number of fifty hydrants, as before provided, have been put in, the annual rental of which is to be thirty dollars each, as hereinafter provided, if said party of the second part shall desire and request other hydrants to be put in on the lines of the main and distribution pipes, herein provided for, the party of the first part hereby agrees to put them in when so requested, the said party of the second part paying the actual cost thereof.

And the party of the first part further agrees that, whenever during the continuance of this contract, it shall be notified through its engineer or agent in charge of its pumping station, that the same is needed or desired to extinguish any fire, it will, without unnecessary delay and as quickly as possible, furnish direct pressure from its pumps upon said hydrants, thereby making them more effective. And it is further agreed that the said party of the second part shall at all times during said period of thirty years, have the right to use said hydrants for the

purpose of testing them, or other fire apparatus of said party of the second part, without liability for the payment of any money therefor.

And it is further agreed by the party of the first part that in case any hydrant should be required by said party of the second part in any street, or in any place adjacent to any street, in which no main or distribution pipe is laid under this contract, the party of the first part shall and will, upon notice from said party of the second part, extend its main or distribution pipe a distance not exceeding 400 feet, and furnish, set up, and thereafter keep up and maintain during said period such hydrant, the same to be a non-freezing, one, two or three nozzle hydrant, as the location may require, the said party of the second part, or any individual, paying an annual rental therefor, for the remainder of said term, which may be agreed upon at the time of such extension.

SERVICE PIPES.

The said party of the first part further agrees to furnish and lay the service pipes of adequate capacity in all cases from the street main and distribution pipes to the line of the abuttors on each side of every street, for all persons or corporations who shall give notice of a desire to take water either for domestic, manufacturing or other purposes.

DRINKING FOUNTAINS.

The said party of the first part also further agrees to furnish and put in, and maintain during said period of thirty years, three cast-iron drinking fountains for man and beast, of approved pattern and design, at such points on its lines of street main as may be designated by the agent of the party of the second part.

INDEMNITY.

And the party of the first part further agrees to protect and save harmless and indemnified the said party of the second part,

from and against all damages and costs which may be recovered against it or made payable by it, by reason of any defect in any street, way or place, occasioned by the party of the first part during the period of the construction of said water works, or by reason of any neglect of the party of the first part in keeping their said works in complete and proper repair and in safe condition and properly protected, during said period of thirty years.

DOMESTIC AND OTHER RATES.

And the said party of the first part further agrees that it will supply water to the citizens and corporations of said town of East Bridgewater, during said period of thirty years, at annual rates not exceeding the following, viz.

The following rates shall be charged annually for the use of water :—

DWELLING HOUSES.

Occupied by one family, for one faucet, (which is a trifle over two cents per diem.)	$8 00
For each additional faucet, to be used by same family,	2 00
When a house is occupied by more than one family, and less than four, one faucet only being used for all, each family,	6 00
When a house is occupied by four or more families, and but one faucet is used for all, for each family,	5 00
When a house is occupied by more than one family, the highest rates will be charged for each family having water carried into their part of the house,	8 00
For first water-closet,	5 00
For each additional water-closet,	3 00
For hopper water-closets, special rates will be made.	
When bath-tubs or water-closets are used by more than one family, for each family,	4 00
For first bath-tub,	5 00

For each additional bath-tub,	$3 00
Private families, not over twelve, may commute the above for	25 00
Private families numbering more than twelve persons, for each person in excess of twelve,	2 00
When two faucets are used, one for hot and one for cold water, both emptying into one bowl or sink, but one charge will be made for both.	
Stores, warehouses, not including manufactories or workshops, for first faucet,	5 00
When two or more tenants are supplied from the same faucet, each,	5 00
Water-closets used by occupants of one tenement only,	5 00
When used by occupants of more than one tenement, for each tenant,	4 00
For each additional faucet or water-closet, half of above rates will be charged.	

MARKETS, SALOONS, RESTAURANTS AND WORK-SHOPS.

For markets, saloons, restaurants, workshops, or for purposes not included in any other classification, and not requiring more than an ordinary supply of water, from	$6 00 to $25 00

STABLES.

PRIVATE STABLES:	
For first horse,	$6 00
For each additional horse,	3 00
For first cow,	2 00
For each additional cow,	1 00
LIVERY, CLUB AND BOARDING STABLES:	
For first horse,	6 00
For each additional horse,	3 00

Truck and Cart Stables:	
For each horse,	$2 00
Provided that in no case shall any stable be charged less than	6 00

The above stable rates include water for washing carriages without hose. When hose is used, $5 00 additional.

HOSE.

For sprinkling streets, washing windows, and similar use, to be used on premises and street opposite, not exceeding two hours per day for six months in the year,	$6 00

BOARDING-HOUSES.

For first faucet,	$10 00
For each additional faucet,	3 00
For water-closets or bath-tubs, when used for boarders,	10 00
For each additional bath-tub or water-closet,	3 00

Other charges as above.

HOTELS.

For each bed for boarders and lodgers, not including water for bath-tub, water-closet or urinal,	$3 00

BATHS.

For public baths, and for each bath in any hotel,	$10 00

STEAM-ENGINES.

For each stationery engine working not over ten hours a day, for each horse-power,	$6 00

BUILDING PURPOSES.

For every cask of lime or cement,	$0 05

MANUFACTURING AND OTHER PURPOSES.

In all cases where large quantities of water are required, the charge for the same shall be as follows, the quantities to be ascertained by meters :—

Up to 12,000 gallons' daily use, 20 cents per 1,000 gallons. In excess of 12,000 gallons, the price to be agreed upon.

The owners of the water works shall have the power to ascertain by meter the quantity used in every case, and the rate shall be charged as set forth under the head of manufacturing and other purposes.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The party of the first part shall have the right from time to time to make rules and regulations governing the supply of water to individuals and corporations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this contract, and not inconsistent with any contract then existing with any individual or corporation.

And the party of the first part further agrees to furnish water at its mains for purposes not hereinbefore mentioned, free of all charge to, or cost of, said party of the second part or other party or person whatsoever, for and during said period of thirty years, viz. : for the town hall ; the public library ; for the school-houses of said party of the second part now situated on, or which may hereafter be erected on, the streets provided with lines of main or distribution pipes belonging to said system of water works, subject to such reasonable regulations and restraints as to the use and waste of water as may from time to time be adopted and promulgated by the party of the first part ; for each house of public worship situated on any line of street main ; for sprinkling streets by the use of water-carts, and for one public display fountain to be used only five hours in each day during five months in each year, and subject to the right of the party of the first part to shut it off in case of any extreme or unusual dearth of water.

PAYMENTS BY THE TOWN.

The party of the second part for and in consideration of the promises and agreements of the party of the first part, hereinbefore fully written and set forth, if the same shall be in good faith carried out, kept and executed, and said thirty hydrants have been put in and are ready and fit for use, and not otherwise, hereby covenants, promises and agrees to and with the said party of the first part, to pay to the said party of the first part, as hydrant rental, the sum of nine hundred dollars per year in semi-annual payments of four hundred and fifty dollars each, the first payment to become due and payable in six months after said water works are completed, tested, and water is turned on for effective use, and notice in writing is given by the party of the first part to the party of the second part that said system is ready for service for the extinguishment of fires: being at the rate of thirty dollars for each of said hydrants.

In witness whereof, the said Bridgewaters Water Company, by B. W. Harris, W. H. Osborne, Albert Harden, I. N. Nutter and Edward Sawyer, a committee of said Corporation hereto duly authorized by a vote of said corporation, has hereto set its name and seal in duplicate, the day and year aforesaid, and the said town of East Bridgewater, by Aaron Hobart, Henry Hobart, Samuel Shaw, James S. Allen and George M. Keith, a committee of said town, hereto duly chosen and appointed at a lawful meeting of the inhabitants of said town held for that purpose, has hereto set its name and seal in duplicate, the day and year first above written.

THE BRIDGEWATERS WATER COMPANY,

By B. W. Harris,
Wm. H. Osborne,
Albert Harden,
Isaac N. Nutter,
Edward Sawyer.

SEAL.

THE TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER,

By its Committee, AARON HOBART,
HENRY HOBART,
SAM'L SHAW,
JAMES S. ALLEN,
GEO. M. KEITH.

SEAL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO LOCATE HYDRANTS.

At a meeting of the committee held Aug. 30, 1887, hydrants were located at or near the following places :—

1 near M. S. Curtis', at Elmwood.
1 " Wm. Shaw's, " "
1 " Geo. Bush's, " "
1 " Jas. Soule's, " "
1 " Lothrop's shop, at Elmwood.
1 " M. C. Shaw's, " "
1 " Levi Noyes', " "
1 " Estate of Damon Hoyt.
1 " Prescott Pratt's, on the turnpike.
1 " L. F. Gammons' store.
1 " Catholic Church.
1 " Carver Cotton Gin Co.'s storehouse.
1 " Henry Keith's, at Satucket.
1 " —— White's, " "
1 " Town Hall.
1 " Mrs. W. S. Bailey's.
1 " Robert Young's.
1 " M. M. Keith's.
1 " Wm. Judkins'.
1 " M. L. Webber's.
1 " East Bridgewater depot.
1 at corner of Cook and Union Streets.
1 near Rogers & Sheldon's Iron Works.
1 " Dr. Geo. Hunt's.

1 near Sanford's Corner.
1 " Geo. M. Keith's.
1 " Franklin Keith's.
1 " Chas. W. Adams'.
1 " J. S. Allen's.
1 " Pond School-house.

In locating the hydrants, no regard was paid to the distance between them, as it was our object to place them where they would protect the most property. With a proper supply of hose, we think no hydrant will cover less than six buildings, while some will have to be relied upon to cover from thirty to forty buildings. The placing of 3-inch main pipe on Oregon and Cook streets rendered it impossible for us to locate hydrants on either of these streets, leaving Oregon street entirely unprotected, while but part of Cook street would be protected by the hydrant at the corner of Cook and Union streets. While we think an additional hydrant on Whitman street, and one near the post-office in the centre village, and one near the Satucket school-house would furnish much additional protection, we would not recommend the leasing of more than the thirty original hydrants till their usefulness has been demonstrated. We have been unable to ascertain the cost of putting water in the public buildings, but will report same at March meeting.

GEO. M. KEITH,
SAMUEL KEITH,
ALBERT HARDEN,
MINOT S. CURTIS,
W. O. SHELDON,
Committee.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

Thirty-nine marriages have been recorded during the year 1887.

Date. 1887.	Name of Bride and Groom and Residence.
Jan. 8.	Lucius F. R. Butler, of Halifax, and Imogene W. Beals, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Richard Burn.
9.	Elmer C. Porter, of Whitman, and Addie A. Brett, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
13.	Patrick Condon and Katie English, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
Feb. 9.	Michael Ahearn, of West Bridgewater, and Mary Barrett, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
17.	Norman G. Johnson, of Brockton, and Elizabeth Leary, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. William E. Kelley,
26.	Fred D. Allason and Mary L. Packard, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. K. Richardson.
27.	Edwin F. Dyson and Sarah M. Hobart, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Jacob Baker.
28.	Edwin Janes and Bertie May DeSilva, both of Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
Mar. 6.	William G. Turner, of East Bridgewater, and Rebecca S. Chandler, of Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.

May 1. William Raney and Kate Travers, both of Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

June 1. Benjamin Alden and Hattie F. Whitmarsh, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

22. Frank H. Wood, of East Bridgewater, and Julia A. Reed, of South Weymouth. By Rev. Henry C. Alvord.

27. John E. Bosworth, of Whitman, and Mary E. Sturtevant, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. C. H. Rowe.

29. William Trudeau, of Canada, and Sophia M. Loucraft, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. A. Conlin.

29. Samuel E. Ryder, of West Bridgewater, and Carrie E. Dean, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.

July 2. Charles M. Bradford and Jennie C. Keith, both of East Bridgewater. By. Rev. P. M. Griffin.

Aug. 1. David Sample and Annie Y. Wagner, both of Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

3. Thomas D. Morton and Lucy B. Lull, both of Halifax. By Rev. Richard Burn.

15. William O. Sheldon and Mary T. Rogers, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. William Brown.

17. Elijah F. Andrews and Mary F. Alden, both of Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

28. David B. Robbins and Aurelia E. Ripley, both of West Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

Sept. 2. William P. Whitman, of East Bridgewater, and Lizzie W. Richards, of West Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.

Sept. 14. Charles H. Clark, of Cambridge, and Eliza B. Marchant, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Richard Burn.

18. William A. Dyson, Jr. and Nettie L. Rogers, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

23. Adelar Boutin and Octari Gregaire, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. A. Conlin.

24. Edward A. Porter and Abbie F. Pratt, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Samuel Bell.

28. Daniel L. Nash and Susan Thornton, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Richard Burn.

Oct. 2. Daniel E. Millet, of Brockton, and Mary E. Porter, of Whitman. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

20. Herbert L. Jackson and Cora M. Lincoln, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Richard Burn.

25. Francis Collamore, Jr., and Florence A. Whitman, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

31. Franklin S. Williams and Carrie B. French, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Richard Burn.

Nov. 4. George W. Trow, of East Bridgewater, and Lizzie A. Vincent, of Yarmouth. By Rev. John W. Dodge.

5. Frederick E. Gardner, of Whitman, and Nellie W. Brown, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. C. H. Rowe.

20. Manuel Silva and Frances Joseph, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Wm. E. Kelley.

20. Melzar Waterman, of East Bridgewater, and Lucy B. Adams, of Quincy. By Rev. Geo. B. Lawton.

Nov. 23. Ulysses G. Johnson and Anna A. Demond, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Richard Burn.

23. Josiah O. Kingman, of East Bridgewater, and Lizzie M. Emerson, of Brockton. By Rev. Sam'l L. Beal.

24. Fred L. Keith, of East Bridgewater, and Jennie M. Dunphe, of Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Dec. 31. John M. Richards, of West Bridgewater, and Sadie H. Soper, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.

FRANK SMITH,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1887.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Parents' Names.
1887.		
Jan. 5	Charles Tyler Churchilll	Thomas H. and Carrie M.
" 13	Horace Ames Carver	Nath'l P. and Elizabeth B.
" 23	Julia Murphy	William and Eliza.
Feb. 1	Walter Harris Severance	George W. and Celia P.
" 5	Joseph Gushie	Joseph and Eugenie.
" 18	Emma M. Peck	Frank W. and Sarah D.
" 13	William Henry Rositer	James W. and Mary E.
" 28	Daniel Francis Chenevert	Ida and Mary.
Mar. 5	Robert Inglee	Charles S. and Abbie A.
" 26	John Patrick Burke	Michael and Ellen.
" 30	Bridget Curran	Bartley and Ann.
April 8	Florence Gertrude Ames	Fred. E. and Ida M.
" 11	Francis Joseph Swift	Michael and Ellen.
" 15	Delina Durant	Clifford and Olivine.
" 18	Frank Edward Ames	John and Delia.
" 25	Oliver Hannan Brightman	Charles E. and Estelle.
" 27	Margaret Etta Stack	Patrick and Mary.
May 1	Mary Barker Hudson	George and Laura.
" 2	Ethel Mae Jordan	John F. and Ella P.
" 5	Sheffield	George and Caroline.
" 23	John Patrick Ahearn	Michael and Mary.
" 31	Mary Agnes Carroll	Patrick F. and Bridget.
June 19	Grace Pendleton Hayward	Martin A. and Ellen B.
" 24	James Prescott Ramsdell	Aaron E. and Annie E.
July 3	Emelyn Leonard Holmes	Henry M. and Josephine A.
" 4	Henry Aloyous Dennehy	William F. and Elizabeth A.
" 9	Mary Alice Webber	Melvin L. and Mary E.
" 9	Bessie Ellsworth Perkins	Thomas H. and Jennie E.
" 10	Thomas Meady Whitman	Ezekiel and Emma J.
" 25	Benjamin Everett Ward	Eliab N. and Grace.
" 28	Dora Louise Weston	Edmund L. and Susan.
" 30	Faustine Washburn Conlon	Daniel and Jane A. W.
Aug. 5	Mabel Florence Smith	George and Matilda.
" 14	George Thibeault	Nazaire and Mary.
" 20	Annie Bernier	John B. and Flavie.
" 22	Hattie Bertha Hutchinson	Wendell P. and Nellie B.
" 22	Sumner	Ira H. and Edith F.
" 22	Addie Jane Scribner	Sabin N. and Sarah.
" 26	Alice Barrett	Patrick and Bridget.
Sept. 8	Robert Lewis Chamberlain	George L. and Etta M.
" 11	Agnes Chalmers Dallachie	Archibald and Sarah.
" 15	William Henry Leary	William H. and Mary.
" 21	Marie Morey	Marion and Katrina.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1887.—*Continued.*

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Parents' Names.
1887.		
Sept. 21 . .	Manuel Frederic Sonza . .	Manuel and Marie.
Oct. 23 . .	Willis	Galen and Augusta.
" 26 . .	Francis Dillon	James and Annie.
" 29 . .	Albert Chester Beals . . .	George G. and Harriet J.
Nov. 2 . .	Mabel Mondeau	Narcisse and Adeline.
Dec. 3 . .	Joseph Hunting Mills . . .	George and Rebecca A.
" 11 . .	Lawrence Andrew Morton .	George A. and Eliza F.
" 15 . .	Grace Sherman Atkinson .	Henry M. and M. Jennie.
" 19 . .	Frank Milton Thayer . . .	Milton C. and Deborah R.
1886.		
Oct. 11 . .	Maude Emeline Fuller . . .	Clarence B. and Sarah L.
" 12 . .	Gladys Ransden	Elias A. and Mary T.
April 4 . .	Joshua Dean Perkins . . .	Thomas H. and Jennie E.

Whole number of births in 1887, 52.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1887.

Date of Death.	Name.	Age.			Disease or Cause of Death.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1887.					
Jan. 1,	Henry W. Osborne	19	1	7	Typhoid Fever.
" 5,	Galen Latham	81	7	1	Neuralgia.
" 24,	Jane G. Sharp	51			Exhaustion.
" 31,	Stephen O'Neil	70			Hermoptysis.
Feb. 1,	Alice B. Wright	49		3	Cancer.
" 28,	Lysander M. Thompson	52	5	26	Apoplexy.
March 20,	Frank D. White	44	5		Bright's Disease.
" 22,	Elijah Bird	86	5	6	Heart Disease.
" 25,	Jeannette V. Hunt	28	6	24	Phthisis.
" 30,	Lucius Remick	58	9	21	Pulmonary Oedema.
" 31,	Mary A. Packard	39	2	22	Eclampsia.
April 2,	George E. Clark	9	6		Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.
" 3,	Harriet A. Robinson	70	3	12	Heart Disease.
" 15,	William J. Shaw	71	5		Consumption.
May 13,	Ephraim Hardy	62	5	3	Heart Disease.
" 16,	Leander Harger	86			Old Age.
" 21,	Effie Slingerand	84			Old Age.
" 29,	Frank Bourne	11			Heart Disease.
" 31,	Joseph Forcier		3	25	Cholera Infantum.
June 4,	Elizabeth D. Edson	42	11	22	Consumption.
" 8,	Mary West	69	11	8	Senile Decay.
" 13,	Harlow Harden	77	6	4	Pneumonia.
" 13,	Susanna T. Mitchell	83	3	7	Heart Disease.
" 22,	Ethel M. Jordan		1	21	Cholera Infantum.
" 30,	Bela Hayward	23	4	7	Pistol Shot Wound.
July 8,	Barzillai F. Ellis	77	8		Accidental Drowning
" 21,	Marianna Vaughan	33	8		Consumption.
" 22,	Emma M. Peck		5		Spina Bifida.
Aug. 6,	Edward F. Davis	32			Tuberculosis.
" 8,	Mary L. Daniels	1	3	5	Dentition.
" 9,	Kate Bussey	41	10	23	Phthisis.
" 20,	Richard S. Higgins	77	9	9	Uremia.
Sept. 4,	Chloe Washburn	88	5	20	Old Age.
Oct. 3,	William B. Alden	1	11	14	Marasmus.
" 4,	Christopher Muldoon	59			Heart Disease.
" 16,	Bethia Thompson	94	3	13	Old Age.
" 20,	Bessie L. Alden		11	16	Dentition.
" 20,	Olive Newhall	76	8	4	Bright's Disease.
Nov. 7,	James Wilmot	78	5		Paralysis.
" 8,	Emily A. Keene	63	2	28	Albumenuria.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1887.—*Continued.*

Date of Death.	Name.	Age.			Disease or Cause of Death.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1887.					
Nov. 11,	Olive G. Barrows . .	69	11	15	Hemaphlegia.
" 28,	Mary Evans	72			Heart Disease.
Dec. 22,	Mary Adams	77	4		ColliguativeDiarrhœa
" 23,	Averlina Churchill . .	79	9	8	Apoplexy.
" 27,	Benjamin H. Washburn	79	6		Heart Disease.

Whole number of deaths in 1887, 45.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR 1886.

B. W. KEITH, *Collector*,
In account with town of EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

To amount of taxes of 1886 uncollected,	$100 35

CR.

By amount paid treasurer,	$100 35

B. W. KEITH,
Collector.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR 1887.

FRANK SMITH, *Collector*,
In account with town of EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

To amount committed,	$23,148 03
" " interest collected,	90 36
	$23,238 39

CR.

By amount paid treasurer,	$23,158 46
" " uncollected,	79 93
	$23,238 39

FRANK SMITH,
Feb. 10, 1888. *Collector.*

I have received $115.42 of the collector since writing my report.
I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer.*

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

PLYMOUTH, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of East Bridgewater, in the County of Plymouth, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of East Bridgewater, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said town, on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at one o'clock, P. M., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To hear and act upon the reports of town officers and committees.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to pay all town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 6. To adopt some method for the collection of taxes.

ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 8. To act upon a list of jurors as proposed by the selectmen.

ART. 9. To vote upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 10. To see what action the town will take upon order of notice from the County Commissioners, in regard to straightening and widening Central Street between the O. C. R. R. and Bedford Street, also in regard to straightening and widening Central Street between Pleasant Street and the house of the late Zenas Keith, and building a bridge across the pond near Pleasant Street.

ART. 11. To see what action the town will take upon petition of E. W. Nutter and others, upon the laying out of a highway from Union Street, near the O. C. depot, over the private way leading to K. E. Sheldon's house, to Spring Street, east of the house of Wellington Caldwell.

ART. 12. To see if the town will petition the County Commissioners to establish a county truant school, in accordance with Section 14, Chapter 48, of the Public Statutes.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up a copy thereof at the post-offices, and also at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, seven days, at least, before the time for holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said East Bridgewater, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

GEORGE M. KEITH,
ELIAB LATHAM,
SAMUEL C. WHITE,
Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1887-8.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At the last annual meeting Mr. Leonard Selee was elected a member of the school committee for three years. At the first meeting of the committee, Mr. Selee was chosen chairman, Mr. E. W. Nutter, treasurer, and W. C. Fickett, secretary. Mr. Fickett was also chosen to attend to the purchase and distribution of text-books and supplies. The particular supervision of the several schools was assigned as follows :—

To the Chairman—the Beaver Grammar, Beaver Primary, Northville Grammar, Northville Primary, and the Centre Intermediate.

To Mr. Nutter—the West Intermediate, West Primary, Elmwood Grammar, Elmwood Primary, and the school in Satucket.

To Mr. Fickett—the High School, Central Grammar, Eastville, Curtisville, and the North Primary.

Mr. Nutter resigned his position as a member of the committee on March 27, and at a joint meeting of the selectmen and school committee, held April 6, Dr. Asa Millet was chosen to fill the vacancy. Mr. Fickett was subsequently chosen treasurer, and Dr. Millet was appointed to the immediate oversight of the schools previously assigned to Mr. Nutter, and also to exercise a general supervision over all sanitary matters connected with the schools.

Mr. Selee, finding it inconvenient to give that amount of personal supervision to the schools assigned to him which their interests demanded, transferred them, with the consent of the committee, to the care of the secretary. Mr. Selee has, therefore, taken no active part in the immediate supervision of the schools, but has rendered much valuable service to the other

members of the committee in relation to the business matters of the board. He presents no bill for his services.

The usual statistics are here presented, exhibiting the membership and attendance of each school:

NAME OF SCHOOL.	AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.						Per Cent. of Average Attendance for Year.
	SUMMER.		FALL.		WINTER.		
	Whole No.	Ave'ge attend-ance.	Whole No.	Ave'ge attend-ance.	Whole No.	Ave'ge attend-ance.	
High School	55	47	64	56	58	51	95.6
Central Grammar	33	27	36	33	35	29	91.
Central Intermediate	31	29	32	25	25	21	92.3
West Intermediate	36	33	32	29	35	31	94.6
West Primary	39	35	38	32	38	34	93.7
North Primary	38	27	48	41	40	37	90.
Elmwood Grammar	30	21	31	25	30	27	91.5
Elmwood Primary	39	26	35	32	34	27	93.8
Beaver Grammar	26	21	24	19	22	19	93.4
Beaver Primary	30	24	23	18	20	18	96.3
Northville Grammar	17	12	31	28	34	28	96.2
Northville Primary	23	18	17	14	..	..	..
Eastville	25	20	21	19	24	19	93.
Curtisville	16	13	14	12	15	12	92.4
Satucket	20	16	20	17	21	18	93.3
Total	458	369	466	400	431	379	93.3

Number of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen, as shown by the school census, taken May 1, 1887, was	464
Increase over last year,	20
Whole number of pupils of all ages enrolled on school registers,	535
Increase over last year,	14
Number over fifteen years,	35
" under five years,	0
Number of pupils of school age attending,	466
Decrease from last year,	26
Average membership of schools for year,	413
Decrease from last year,	8
Average attendance for year,	385
Per cent. of average attendance,	93.3

CONDITION OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

By the omission of the town to make an appropriation for general repairs, the committee have made only such as were absolutely necessary, and have placed the cost under the head of "incidentals." Early in the year it was found that the condition of the West Intermediate school premises was such as to endanger the health, if not the lives, of the whole school. Stagnant, filthy water, a foot deep, was found under the house and under and around the outbuildings. The committee drained the premises and graded around the house at a cost of about thirty dollars. This house needs to be painted, and we recommend that the sum of seventy-five dollars be raised for that purpose.

ELMWOOD.

Some minor repairs have been made at Elmwood, particularly in the Primary room. In order to secure better light in this room the desks and chairs were turned around, so that the children face the north, thus avoiding the glare of the sun in

their faces. The Grammar school room is large, dingy, unattractive, and very cold in winter. Double windows should be provided for this room before another winter.

BEAVER.

Owing to the defective chimney in this house, the rooms have always been uninhabitable for many days during the fall and winter terms. Other means having failed, the committee were obliged to have the chimney built a number of feet higher. This has obviated the trouble, but has, at the same time, injured the appearance of the building. This house also greatly needs painting, the cost of which will be the same as for the West Intermediate ($75).

CURTISVILLE.

Upon careful examination of the house in this district, and taking into consideration the prospective needs of this section of the town, the committee deemed it inexpedient, as well as unwise, to enlarge and rebuild the house, as was contemplated when the appropriation of $600 was made for that purpose. It was found that the roof was in good condition and would not require reshingling for at least three years, and that the fence around the lot, though not very ornamental, would answer, with a few repairs, for the same length of time. The chimney, which was "hung up" in a very insecure manner, was torn down and a new one built from the ground; a protection was built over the outside door, the wood-house raised and reshingled, the school-room put in thorough repair, and made as comfortable and convenient as any other in town.

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

The floors in the High and the Central Grammar school rooms are old, badly worn and unsightly, and should be relaid in the near future. These rooms are still furnished with the

old style double desks, which are much inferior to single ones, and when new floors are laid new desks should be substituted for those now in use.

NORTH PRIMARY.

No other house under the control of the committee suffers so much injury from outside parties as this one.

Particularly during the summer vacation, the exterior of this house is defaced, doors and windows broken, and other acts of vandalism committed which deserve the severest penalty of the law. The use of the well and pump have long since been abandoned, as it has been found impossible to keep the well in good condition, or the pump in working order. This house must be furnished with new doors during the present year.

The remaining houses are in fair condition, and will require no extensive repairs during the ensuing year.

WATER SUPPLY.

One of the greatest inconveniences with which the schools are annoyed, is the lack of a sufficient supply of pure water; and the committee earnestly recommend that an appropriation sufficiently large to introduce water into all the houses reached by the works of the water company be made at once.

LOCATION OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

The aggregate seating capacity of our school-houses is ample for all the pupils in town, but owing to the constant drift of population towards the centre of the town, the houses in this section are crowded, while those on the borders are but partially filled. Indeed, the whole number of scholars attending the *two* schools in Northville, in September last, was but *twenty-nine*, and the committee, very reluctantly, closed the Primary

school and transferred the pupils to the Grammar school, thus losing the many advantages of the graded system in this section, but the committee did not feel justified in maintaining *two* separate schools, but a few rods apart, for so small a number.

Since the withdrawal of the pupils belonging to West Bridgewater from the Beaver schools, the number left has been so small (at present 20 in the Primary and 22 in the Grammar) that it seems that consolidation in that district also may be found necessary. Thus, while the houses at Beaver, Satucket, Curtisville, Eastville and Northville, could accommodate nearly double the number now in attendance, the North Primary, which cannot comfortably accommodate more than thirty-five, has nearly fifty; and the West Primary is crowded, having at least one-third more pupils than can be suitably accommodated or well taught. Another Primary school building, to be erected on Spring street, or its immediate vicinity, is needed now, and if the present rate of increase continues, will be absolutely necessary within two years.

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

The committee take great pleasure in calling the attention of the town to that part of this report giving the cost of books and other school supplies for the past year. Every pupil in attendance upon the public schools has been amply and promptly supplied with every article necessary in this line, and the whole cost to the town amounting to only $301.66, averaging less than 70 cents per scholar.

The fears of those who predicted extravagance and waste if the text-books were furnished by the towns, may well, in the light of these figures, be dispelled. By this method supplies are not only much cheaper than they can be furnished individually, but the pupils are promptly supplied, and great loss of time in forming classes thus avoided.

INSURANCE.

The insurance, amounting to $4,850 on seven of the school-houses, expired on June 5, and as there were no funds appropriated for reinsuring the same, the selectmen kindly paid the bill. The policies on the remaining houses, amounting to $7,300, will expire during the present year, and an appropriation of $75 will be necessary to reinsure them.

TRUANCY.

According to the last report of the State Board of Education, East Bridgewater stands number 28 in the 342 towns and cities of the commonwealth, and number 2 in the 27 cities and towns of Plymouth county, in the ratio of attendance to the whole number of children between 5 and 15 years of age. This is indeed an honorable record, and speaks volumes for the zeal and enthusiasm of our scholars to make the most of their opportunities. But, gratifying as is this record, it might easily be made much better were it not for a few scholars who are habitually irregular in their attendance, thus bringing the average much below what it otherwise would be. Besides those who are thus irregular in their attendance, we have a few—perhaps not more than four—who are habitual truants. Notwithstanding the combined efforts of teachers, truant-officers and committee, these few boys continue in their evil ways, and constitute a continual source of trouble and annoyance. It is an open question, whether in want of a suitable truant school, the proper steps should not be taken to send these boys to the Reform School. Nothing but the great reluctance of the committee to resort to such extreme measures has permitted this state of things to exist so long. The committee again recommend the town to petition the county commissioners to provide a county truant school in accordance with Section 14, Chapter 48, of the Public Statutes.

TEACHERS.

Your committee are obliged to reiterate the complaint so often made that our best teachers are constantly resigning their positions to accept more lucrative ones elsewhere. While no blame is attached to these teachers for accepting better positions, yet the injurious effects resulting from these constant changes is none the less serious. It is not easy to see how this difficulty can be obviated. We already pay as high wages for teaching as other towns of equal ability, but cannot compete, in this respect, with larger and more wealthy localities.

SCHOOLS.

The schools, as a whole, are in a satisfactory condition. Several of the smaller schools which have enjoyed the benefit of having the same teacher through several successive terms, have made marked improvement from term to term; and those that have suffered most from the frequent changes of teachers have accomplished all, perhaps, that could be expected under the circumstances.

The committee wish to put upon record their high appreciation of the generally excellent deportment of the scholars in the several schools. Complaints of rough and boisterous conduct are no longer heard, and but few cases of discipline have occurred, and those not of a serious nature. As a rule, pupils have been quiet and orderly, both in school and about the school premises, and have established a reputation for lady-like and gentlemanly conduct highly gratifying to the committee and reflecting deserved honor upon both home training and school influences.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School has continued under the same teachers as for the three preceding years. The following table shows the

number of pupils in each class, and the number in each course of study :—

	Number in each Class.	Number in 4 Years' Course.	Number in 3 Years' Course.	Number in 2 Years' Course.
Seniors	5	5	. .	. .
Sub-Seniors	15	12	3	. .
Ex-Juniors	18	10	8	. .
Juniors	18	10	5	3
Totals	56	37	16	3

LIST OF GRADUATES, JUNE 24, 1887.

Four years' English and Latin course :—

Jennie Evelyn Selee. Mary Grace Fickett.

Three years' English course :—

Sarah Grace Brett. Mary McCrossen.

Flora A. Wright.

It will be noticed that while quite large classes enter the High School annually, but very few remain through the whole course. During the past three years but eleven pupils have graduated from the four years' course, and eight from the three years' course.

It is very much to be regretted that a larger number do not find it convenient to complete the whole course. But we are obliged to look at the matter as it is, and not as it should be. Justice to the great majority of the pupils attending the school does not permit such a course of study as will require a large part of the time and energies of the principal to be devoted to

so small a number as for the past three years have constituted the two upper classes.

While the town is obliged by law to maintain a High School of a certain grade, and there is no desire on the part of the committee (and we hope of no one) to lower its standard in the least, or in any manner to impair its usefulness, there is yet forced upon us the conclusion that some change can be made whereby more attention shall be given to the common studies.

Whether the circumstances of the pupil will, or will not, allow him to take the full course, he should not be hurried over the common branches.

While the committee have no sympathy with the current onslaught upon the study of the languages, or upon the sciences, it must be evident that a thorough and available knowledge of English and the common branches is absolutely essential to success in a more extended course of study, or in the practical every-day affairs of life and business. Such a change as will accomplish these results can and should be made at once, and that, too, without injury to any legitimate interest of the school. It would be a ridiculous sight, were it not a pitiful one, to see a large girl or boy, after studying from one to two years in a High School, unable to compose ten consecutive sentences without as many violations of the rules of syntax.

It is the firm belief of the committee that the present course of study can be so changed, and the teaching force so directed, that any boy of ordinary ability and studious habits can be well fitted for the School of Technology, and with the exception of Greek, for admission to college, in the time now occupied in the English and Latin course ; and that those taking the three years' course can be well drilled and perfected in the more common studies now pursued in the first year of the course, together with an elementary knowledge of Single Entry Book-keeping, Algebra, Plane Geometry, Physiology, Civil Government, General History and Rhetoric.

The committee recommend that the following sums be raised for the support of schools and other purposes for the ensuing year :—

For support of schools,	$5,800
Text-books and supplies,	400
Incidentals,	300
General repairs,	150
Insurance,	75
Painting West Primary and Beaver houses,	150

LEONARD SELEE,
ASA MILLET,
W. C. FICKETT,
School Committee.

East Bridgewater,
Feb. 1, 1888.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Appropriation,	$5,700 00
Received of State Treasurer,	180 06
" " County Treasurer,	355 31
Due from town of West Bridgewater,	55 34
Amount available,	$6,290 71

EXPENDITURES.

Teaching.

John W. Hutchins, High School,	$1,050 00
Florence M. Cross, " "	450 00
Mary E. Worcester, Centre Grammar,	144 00
Mattie A. Peck, " "	60 00
Susan H. Kimball, " "	150 00
Lizzie L. Savery, " Intermediate,	324 00
Alice C. Bullard, Beaver Grammar,	360 00
Hattie A. Willis, " Primary,	252 00
Hattie F. Whitmarsh, West Intermediate,	77 40
Cora J. Ripley, " "	239 40
" " " Northville Primary,	72 00
Mary E. Barrett, West Primary,	140 80
Abbie B. Wade, " "	77 00
" " " Northville Primary,	112 00
Iva Nichols, Elmwood Grammar,	210 00
Minnie E. Bigelow, Elmwood Grammar,	150 00
Jennie T. Donoghue, " Primary,	360 00
Ann W. Harden, Satucket,	288 00

Hattie M. Bates, Curtisville,	$288 00
Mary E. Keohan, Eastville,	168 00
Mrs. H. B. Meservey, Eastville,	120 00
" E. M. Murphy, Northville,	360 00
Grace L. Cook, North Primary,	279 00
Annie G. Scollard, West "	40 00
Kate M. Fisher, " "	4 80
	$5,776 40
Town of Whitman,	12 00
	$5,788 40

FUEL.

A. L. Alger, coal, 1886,	$38 33
" " " " 1887,	301 83
J. D. Jones,	4 50
C. W. Wixson,	50
Martin Sumner,	4 50
John Burgess,	2 00
Eleazer Whitman,	2 25
H. C. Keith,	3 50
W. L. Benson,	5 25
H. M. Porter,	2 70
J. E. Bisbee,	3 50
	$368 86

CARE OF HOUSES.

Mrs. W. H. Stodder, Beaver,	$10 75
Clara Mackenzie, Northville,	1 30
James Timmons, High School building,	92 50
Mrs. E. M. Murphy, Northville,	9 75
John Shepherd, Elmwood,	7 00
Alice Whitman, Beaver,	10 00
Bertie Nute, Northville,	4 00

Mrs. Daniel Geary, North Primary,	$12 75
Russell Stevens, Elmwood,	13 25
Prescott Washburn, Eastville,	10 00
Mrs. Robert Wade, Satucket,	4 00
" H. A. Osborne, Beaver,	7 50
" James Cunningham, Elmwood,	12 00
Lester A. Harden, Curtisville,	13 00
Abbie B. Wade, Northville,	4 60
L. H. Hayward, Beaver,	17 00
Mrs. J. W. Perry, Curtisville,	3 00
" M. Hennessey, West Primary,	37 60
Albert Washburn, Eastville,	2 75
Ann W. Harden, Satucket,	3 00
	$286 35

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for teaching,	$5,788 40
" fuel,	368 86
" care of houses,	286 35
Total,	$6,443 61
Amount available.	6,290 71
Excess of expenditures,	$141 90

TEXT-BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Ginn & Co., books,	$20 33
Wm. Ware & Co.,	5 25
Cowperthwait & Co.,	9 84
Harrison Hume,	25 18
Harper Brothers,	9 60
Lee & Shepard,	1 00
Winkley, Dresser & Co. (1885-6),	17 00

Silver, Rogers & Co.,	$6 50
Boston School Supply Co.,	12 79
W. C. Fickett,	1 50
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	7 50
Warren P. Adams,	5 56
J. L. Hammett,	151 11
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.,	28 50
Total,	$301 66
Appropriation,	500 00
Balance unexpended,	$198 34

INCIDENTALS AND REPAIRS.

Paid W. C. Fickett, expense in obtaining teachers (1886),	$5 55
W. C. Fickett, freight and express,	2 95
A. P. Sturtevant, stove pokers,	1 00
S. L. Seaver, labor and material,	43 08
E. L. Clark, grading, etc.,	39 35
W. C. Fickett, school census,	15 00
H. C. Keith, labor,	1 00
Keith & Jenkins, lumber,	2 34
L. J. Voight, filling diplomas,	1 25
A. C. Chandler, tuning piano,	3 00
Isadus Fuller, work,	2 00
F. C. Nutter, curtains, etc.,	10 95
Jarvis Burrell, printing,	16 45
Reuben Harden, work,	1 65
Ezra F. Sampson, "	2 50
Asa Millet, pencil sharpener,	1 20
Eimer & Amend, chemicals,	23 86
D. W. Gurney, labor,	3 00

Paid W. C. Fickett, fares, telegrams in obtaining teachers,	$5 70
Frank Smith, chemicals,	4 35
L. F. Gammons, hardware, etc.,	74 93
Alger's express,	14 15
J. H. Potter, repairs on clocks,	7 50
Harlow Harden, repairs,	2 25
S. R. Newhall, "	1 20
Ezra T. Fuller, "	7 25
W. E. Bonney, repairs on pump,	5 16
J. M. Whiting, repairing chimney, Beaver,	12 80
L. H. Hayward, work,	5 00
M. S. Curtis, blackboards,	10 67
J. G. Knapp, labor,	9 87
G. V. Goodwin,	3 00
	$339 90
Appropriation,	300 00
Excess of expenditures,	$39 90

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Repairs at Curtisville.

Appropriation,		$600 00
Paid S. L. Seaver,	$89 90	
J. M. Whiting,	20 25	
M. S. Curtis,	31 74	
		141 89
Balance unexpended,		$458 11

Appropriation for organs,		$175 00
Paid Geo. R. Whitney,	$100 00	
W. A. Bowles,	12 00	
A. C. Chandler,	43 00	
		155 00
Balance unexpended,		$20 00
Appropriation for book cases,		$126 00
Paid S. L. Seaver,		126 00

SUMMARY.

Total amount of bills paid,	$7,508 06
" " available,	7,991 71
Balance unexpended,	483 65

W. C. FICKETT,
Treasurer of School Committee.

East Bridgewater,
Feb. 1, 1888.

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE YEAR 1888.

BROCKTON:
G. A. GOODALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.
1889.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1888.

Town Clerk.
FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer.
ISAAC N. NUTTER.

Collector.
FRANK SMITH.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.
GEORGE M. KEITH, ELIAB LATHAM, SAMUEL C. WHITE.

School Committee.
GEORGE HUNT, WYMAN C. FICKETT, LEONARD SELEE.

Auditor.
N. FRANK DUNPHE.

Constables.
BENJAMIN SIDDALL, EDWARD E. EDSON, ROBERT J. MITCHELL,
CHARLES W. ADAMS, ISADAS FULLER,
ADAM R. HUMBLE.

Road Commissioners.
SAMUEL KEITH, JAMES W. LATHAM, GEORGE L. CHAMBERLAIN.

Measurers of Wood.
WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, WILLIAM B. HALL, SAMUEL E. KEITH.

Weighers of Coal.
ARTHUR G. WATERMAN, JOHN B. HARDEN, SAMUEL E. KEITH.

Surveyors of Lumber.
SAMUEL L. SEAVER, GEORGE F. LOMBARD, ZENAS A. JENKINS.

Pound Keeper.
HENRY W. SEARS.

Field Drivers.
MELZAR WATERMAN, FRED L. KEITH, WILLIAM P. WHITMAN.

Fence Viewers.
HENRY GURNEY, A. HARRIS LATHAM.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.
ROBERT YOUNG.

Engineers Fire Department.
MINOT S. CURTIS, WARREN K. CHURCHILL, FRED C. NUTTER,
JOSHUA DEAN, CHARLES E. FIELD.

Registrars of Voters.
ROBERT O. HARRIS, E. S. WHITMARSH, AMOS HUNTING, FRANK SMITH.

Committee on Public Library.
ISAAC N. NUTTER, ALFRED B. PARKER, WM. H. TAYLOR,
MRS. HENRY HOBART, MISS ALICE STRONG, MISS PHIDA M. KEITH.

Town Hall Committee.
ISADAS FULLER, CHARLES W. ADAMS.

Town Physician.
ASA MILLET, M. D.

Sexton.
M. L. WEBBER.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1888.

For Support of Schools,	$5,600 00	
School incidentals,	200 00	
Text-books and supplies,	350 00	
Repairs upon school property,	150 00	
Insurance on school property,	75 00	
Painting West Primary and Beaver School Buildings,	150 00	
		$6,525 00
Highways,	$2,500 00	
Bridges and culverts,	300 00	
Sidewalks,	300 00	
Removal of snow,	100 00	
Widening Central Street and building bridge,	1,000 00	
		4,200 00
Town officers and committees,	$1,100 00	
Support of poor,	3,000 00	
Police duty and suppression of crime,	100 00	
Incidentals,	500 00	
Public library,	250 00	
Hydrant service,	600 00	
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00	
Water in public buildings,	250 00	
To reimburse committee on the Old Cemetery,	62 17	
		5,962 17
		$16,687 17

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

STATE AID.

Paid Harriet B. Bates,	$48 00	
Sarah B. Gould,	48 00	
Mary Hudson,	48 00	
Betsey A. Hale,	48 00	
Sarah C. Hudson,	48 00	
Mary S. Ripley,	36 00	
Mary E. Swift.	14 00	
Hannah R. Stanley,	16 00	
Thankful O. Trow,	48 00	
Caroline Williams,	40 00	
Ezekiel W. Chamberlain,	6 00	
Andrew J. Dyer,	9 00	
William A. Dyson,	36 00	
Augustus M. Howe,	1 50	
William L. Morey,	3 00	
Henry A. Osborne,	48 50	
		$498 00
Due from State,		498 00

MILITARY AID.

Paid Algernon S. Brett,	$12 00	
Augustus M. Howe,	16 00	
Jere M. Hine,	144 00	
Edward Sharpe,	96 00	
William S. Sampson,	60 00	
Selden M. Washburn,	122 00	
		$450 00
Half due from State,	$225 00	
Half paid by town,	225 00	
		450 00

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid Justin Dimick Post, G. A. R.,	$100 00
Appropriation,	100 00

POLICE DUTY.

Paid Robert J. Mitchell,	$19 40	
E. E. Edson,	8 00	
Benj. Siddall,	26 00	
Charles W. Adams,	3 00	
Isadus Fuller,	5 00	
		$61 40
Unexpended,		38 60
Appropriation,		$100 00

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, ETC.

Paid Samuel Keith for road commissioners,	$3,431 18
Appropriation,	3,200 00
Excess,	$231 18

Paid Samuel Keith for road commissioners toward widening and straightening Central Street, and building the bridge across the pond near Pleasant Street,	$425 09
Unexpended,	574 91
Appropriation,	$1,000 00
Paid Samuel Keith for committee on the Old Cemetery to reimburse for money expended in excess of the appropriation of last year,	$62 17
Appropriation,	62 17

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid committee on public library,	$250 00
Appropriation,	250 00

HYDRANT SERVICE.

Paid Bridgewaters Water Company,	$675 00
Appropriation,	600 00
Excess,	$75 00

EXPENSE OF PUTTING WATER IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Paid L. F. Gammons, material and labor,	$202 71	
Samuel Keith,	11 50	
Simon Shehan,	3 38	
Patrick Barrett,	7 50	
Cornelius Clarity,	7 88	
Dennis Curran,	3 38	
		236 35
Unexpended,		13 65
Appropriation,		$250 00

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Paid Wyman C. Fickett, school committee,	$190 00	
Wyman C. Fickett, secretary and treasurer of school committee,	25 00	
Wyman C. Fickett, purchasing, care and distribution of school supplies,	25 00	
		$240 00
George Hunt, school committee,		76 20
Leonard Selee, "		15 00
Asa Millett, "		11 00
Geo. M. Keith, assessor, selectman and overseer of the poor,	$185 00	
Geo. M. Keith, horse and railroad fare,	3 00	
Geo. M. Keith, moderator,	3 00	
		191 00
Eliab Latham, assessor, selectman and overseer of the poor,	$62 00	
Eliab Latham, horse hire,	5 00	
		67 00
Samuel C. White, assessor, selectman and overseer of the poor,		86 25
Frank Smith, town clerk,	$62 10	
Frank Smith, collector of taxes,	138 75	
Frank Smith, registrar,	15 00	
		215 85
M. L. Webber, sexton,	$16 50	
M. L. Webber, teams for school committee,	30 00	
M. L. Webber, teams for school committee, 1887,	3 50	
		50 00

Paid I. N. Nutter, town treasurer,	$100 00
N. F. Dunphe, auditor,	15 00
R. O. Harris, registrar,	15 00
Amos Hunting, registrar,	12 50
E. S. Whitmarsh, registrar,	12 50
Benj. Siddall, posting warrants,	12 00
	$1,119 30
Appropriation,	1,100 00
Excess,	$19 30

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid G. A. Goodall, printing town reports,	$114 40
Alger & Co., express on town reports,	1 00
Benj. Siddall, delivering town reports,	7 00
Amos Hunting, oil and chimneys for street lamps,	11 22
W. K. Churchill, oil and chimneys for street lamps,	5 00
L. F. Gammons, oil for street lamps and repairing,	9 09
East Bridgewater Savings Bank, rent of room,	150 00
Benj. Siddall, care of town room,	12 00
Samuel Keith, labor for drinking fountains,	12 25
Keith & Jenkins, drain pipe for drinking fountains,	21 12
L. F. Gammons, drain pipe for drinking fountains,	7 67
Jarvis Burrell, printing and postal cards,	20 35
G. A. Goodall, printing voting lists,	22 50
Geo. M. Keith, postage and stationery,	2 35
Frank Smith, postage and stationery,	4 75
I. N. Nutter, car-fare and postage,	3 33
I. N. Nutter, recording deeds,	1 00
I. N. Nutter, administering oaths,	3 00
Henry Gurney, removal of Elmwood pump to Northville,	9 75

Paid J. B. Harding, repairing well and pump at Northville,		$6 77
B. W. Keith, insurance,		45 60
Dr. Geo. Hunt, return births,		4 25
Dr. Chas. E. Field, return births,		4 25
Loring Holbrook, return deaths,		6 50
Howard & Clark, "		2 25
McCann Bros., "		2 00
Wm. H. Tobey, "		1 00
M. L. Webber, "		1 50
L. F. Gammons, drain pipe for 1887,		8 40
		$500 30
Appropriation,		500 00
Excess,		$0 30

EAST BRIDGEWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid M. S. Curtis, chief engineer,	$127 50	
George Bryant, land rent,	6 00	
Zebina Keith, land rent,	4 58	
		$138 08
Paid to the order of committee chosen Feb. 6, 1888, " for the purchase of fire hose, hose carriages or wagons, and other fire apparatus, and for the leasing or purchasing of lands, and for the erection of two hose houses thereon,"		$5,179 15
Unexpended,		85
Appropriation,		$5,180 00
Appropriation (money hired)	$5,000 00	
Amount received from sale of hook and ladder houses and paid over to the above committee, under authority of vote passed April 30, 1888,	180 00	
		$5,180 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Eliphalet Davenport,	$5 00
Estate of Timothy Mitchell,	2 00
Estate of Wm. Murphy,	13 20
Deborah P. Morse,	4 38
Alger & Flagg,	11 50
Wm. S. Sampson,	6 00
Frank Smith, collector of taxes, 1887,	30 47
Frank Smith, collector of taxes, 1888,	70 33
	$142 88

TRUST FUNDS.

Latham Fund.

Amount of fund,		$500 00
" available Jan. 1, 1888,	$17 93	
" interest during year,	24 84	
		$42 77
" paid out during year,		5 50
" available Jan. 1, 1889,		$37 27

Alden Fund.

Amount of fund,		$2,043 50
" available Jan. 1, 1888,	$50 99	
" of interest during year,	95 87	
		$146 86
" disbursed during year,	$62 78	
" paid for taxes,	21 04	
		$83 82
" available Jan. 1, 1889,		$63 04

LIST OF JURORS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Granville C. Allen.
Benjamin Alden.
Irving Bates.
Royal T. Brett.
Charles R. Beals.
Clarence A. Chandler.
Wellington Caldwell.
Henry Edson.
Hiram H. Erskine.
Samuel Gurney.
Francis Hayward.
Abbott T. Hewett.
Henry Hobart.
G. W. Nelson Joyce.
Francis M. Kingman.
Herbert C. Keith.
E. Austin Latham.
Isaac N. Nutter.
Charles W. Pratt.
F. Wilson Porter.
L. Watts Richards.
William B. Ripley.
Kimball E. Sheldon.
George E. Skillings.
Ezra F. Sampson.
George A. Simmons.
Charles Thrasher.
Asa Whitman.
George A. Wright.
Frederic P. Whitmarsh.
John M. Whiting.
Noah A. Washburn.

GEO. M. KEITH,
ELIAB LATHAM,
SAMUEL C. WHITE,
Selectmen.

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Real estate,		$1,114,873
Personal estate,		373,773
Total,		$1,488,646
Town grant for 1888,	$16,687 17	
State tax,	1,957 50	
County tax,	1,751 09	
Overlay	605 51	
		$21,001 27
Deduct estimate from State,		2,200 00
		$18,801 27
Rate of taxation, $11.50 per $1,000.		
State tax on polls, $1 } $2 each.		
County tax on polls, $1 }		
Tax on real estate,	$12,821 04	
Tax on personal estate,	4,298 39	
Tax on 840 polls,	1,680 00	
Gain on fractions,	1 84	
		$18,801 27
Subsequent assessment on 4 polls,		8 00
Subsequent assessment on real estate,		11 50
Total commitment,		$18,820 77

Houses taxed, 624.	Oxen taxed, 32.
Acres of land, 9,930.	Swine taxed, 82.
Horses taxed, 384.	Sheep taxed, 18.
Cows taxed, 383.	Other cattle taxed, 85.

Exemptions granted, 52.

GEO. M. KEITH,
ELIAB LATHAM,
SAMUEL C. WHITE,
Assessors.

DEPARTMENT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Paid Henry W. Sears, warden,	$425 00
Dr. Millett, physician,	75 00
Keith & Jenkins, grain, fertilizer, etc.,	226 79
Joshua Dean, coal,	80 02
A. L. Alger, coal,	76 41
E. N. Ward, meat,	109 01
H. W. Sears, money paid for labor,	100 00
Melzar Waterman, for labor,	120 00
Luther Wade, for painting,	36 35
L. F. Gammons, hardware, repairing, etc.,	19 50
Samuel D. Shaw, paint, etc.,	24 33
Loring Holbrook, coffin and robe for Mr. Jenkins,	13 00
Net expense at almshouse,	$1,305 41

Total number of inmates during the year,	14
Present number of inmates,	6
Average number of inmates during the year,	6½
Tramps lodged and fed,	92

PRESENT INMATES.

Name.	Age.	Admitted.
Lewis Wright,	88	1878
Sybil P. Dunbar,		1879
Ellen F. Edson,	32	1879
Rebecca Cummings,	75	1884
Thomas Griggs,	65	1886
Martin F. Keene,	70	1888

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1888,	$10 01	
Received from sale of hay,	165 01	
" grass,	5 00	
" cow,	35 00	
" calf,	10 00	
" pork,	9 55	
" fowl,	4 00	
" bull,	25 00	
" town treasurer,	100 00	
" Mrs. J. Reirdon,	3 00	
" team work,	212 75	
" service of bull,	32 00	
" sundry produce,	15 00	
		$626 32

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Paid for groceries,	$285 08	
" fish,	25 75	
" meat,	4 46	
" ice,	9 50	
" cow,	26 00	
" bull,	10 00	
" pigs,	21 00	
" fowl,	2 00	
" dressing hogs,	4 75	
" blacksmithing, repairs and tools,	46 60	
" clothing,	18 85	
" labor,	98 37	
" sundries,	16 55	
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1889,	57 41	
		$626 32

OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of N. S. Bouldry,		$169 92
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of R. O. Washburn,		169 92
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Clara Washburn,		169 92
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Zilpha Hatch,		116 40
Town of Hanson, aid to Mrs. Worthington,		8 50
Town of Natick, aid to Hatch family,		186 25
Town of Carver, aid to Alden Darling,		10 00
City of Lynn, aid to Conner's children,		48 25
City of Brockton, aid to Jotham Nute,		4 00
James H. Hill, aid to Mrs. Philetta Washburn,		60 00
Amos Hunting, aid to Mrs. Chadwick,		51 76
Amos Hunting, aid to Mrs. Frost,		15 16
Amos Hunting, aid to Wm. F. Putnam,		6 51
Huram Wade,	$52 00	
George N. Holmes,	8 75	
aid to Mrs. J. L. Coulter,		60 75
George Hunt, aid to Frank Alden,		53 50
Galen Willis,	13 50	
Stephen Griggs,	30 00	
aid to Mrs. Higgins,		43 50
E. S. Whitmarsh,	5 00	
F. C. Nutter,	3 00	
aid to Ezekiel W. Chamberlain,		8 00
Joshua Dean,	20 88	
John Hobart,	7 25	
Eleazer Whitman,	3 00	
Estate of Jacob Folsom,	60 00	
aid to Mrs. Barrows,		91 13

Paid Keith & Jenkins,	$5 25	
E. S. Whitmarsh,	4 50	
Ripley & Harlow,	4 22	
Eliab Latham,	4 84	
aid to O'Brien Quigley,		$18 81
Mrs. L. A. Howard,	14 00	
Seth B. Edson,	8 00	
Dr. C. E. Field,	5 00	
aid to Sarah J. Smith,		27 00
Total amount of orders drawn,		$1,319 28
Received from Bridgewater, aid to Frank Alden,	$53 50	
Received from Weymouth, aid to Sarah J. Smith,	27 00	
Received from Easton, aid to E. W. Chamberlain,	8 00	
Received from Holbrook, aid to W. F. Putnam,	6 51	
Received from West Bridgewater, aid to Geo. Randall,	7 00	
Received from Geo. M. Keith, guardian of Zilpha Hatch,	116 40	
Due from Whitman,	16 81	
		235 22
Net expense of outside poor,		$1,084 06
Net expense at almshouse,		1,305 41
Total amount net,		$2,389 47
Unexpended,		610 53
Appropriation,		$3,000 00

GEO. M. KEITH,
ELIAB LATHAM,
SAMUEL C. WHITE,

Overseers of the Poor.

SUMMARY.

Amount of Orders Drawn.

For State aid,	$498 00
Military aid,	450 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
Police duty,	61 40
Road commissioners,	3,856 27
Committee on old cemetery,	62 17
Committee on public library,	250 00
Hydrant service,	675 00
Expense of putting water in public buildings,	236 35
Town officers and committees,	1,119 30
Incidental expenses,	500 30
Fire department,	5,317 23
Abatement of taxes,	142 88
Support of poor at almshouse,	1,305 41
Support of poor outside almshouse,	1,319 28
	$15,893 59

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

Liabilities.

Note due East Bridgewater Savings Bank, dated Dec. 15, 1888,	$1,000 00
Interest to Dec. 31, 1888,	2 08
Note due New Bedford Institution for Savings, dated April 2, 1888,	$5,000 00
Interest from Oct. 2, 1888, to Dec. 31, 1888,	56 25
	$6,058 33

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury,	$2,232 24
Due from State,	723 00
Due from Whitman,	16 81
Due from collector of taxes,	139 12
	$3,111 17

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1889.

For Highways,	$2,500 00
Bridges and culverts,	500 00
Sidewalks,	300 00
Removal of snow,	200 00
Town officers and committees,	1,100 00
Support of poor,	3,000 00
Police duty and suppression of crime,	100 00
Incidentals,	500 00
Public library,	300 00
Hydrant service,	900 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
Fire department,	300 00
Payment of town note and interest,	750 00

GEORGE M. KEITH,
ELIAB LATHAM,
SAMUEL C. WHITE,
Selectmen.

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Overseers of the Poor:

Gentlemen, — Since your last yearly report there has been very little change in the almshouse. The same female inmates remain in as good circumstances as last year. Mrs. Cummings is in as comfortable a state of health as at that time, and is able to do a good deal of work about the house.

Mrs. Edson has the same alternate depression and excitement, and at times is required to be separated from the other inmates. But since the improved room where she can be restrained in a warm apartment, she is more comfortable and more easily cared for.

Miss Dunbar is the same unfortunate creature that must always be cared for.

The male inmates are Mr. Wright and Mr. Gregg, old boarders, in much the same condition as last year.

Martin F. Keene, who came here in December somewhat injured by a fall, from which he has recovered. He is an old man (72) and possesses hardly a sufficient degree of health and ability to earn his living, and I would recommend that he be provided for here, unless he has friends who will become responsible for his support.

Mr. George Osborn, who made us a visit last year, has not appeared this year, and we hope health and prosperity will enable him to live without aid from the town.

Two deaths have occurred in the house the past year. George Jenkins died January 12, 1888; he had been gradually failing for some time, and died without marked disease of any particular organ.

James Osborn died August 9, 1888, from organic disease of the brain. He was a quiet, uncomplaining patient, and a young man apparently possessed of a happy disposition, who had long suffered from a fatal disease, the cause of which we were unable to discover from any history that we have had of his case.

We are now comfortably provided for in the house, and I cannot but hope that the same keeper and matron will be continued; but I cannot forget two things we still need — the long prayed for *bath-room*, and a supply of water from the water-works.

I cannot close this without expressing thanks for the efficient and kindly care you have ever exercised over the poor.

Yours respectfully,

ASA MILLET.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

Paid the following persons for labor and material on highway, bridges and sidewalks: —

Henry Aldrich,	$6 00
Jacob Atwood,	21 00
A. W. Blanchard,	15 00
T. H. Bouldry,	1 75
C. E. Brown,	57 25
W. L. Benson,	17 30
Patrick Barrett,	85 03
G. L. Chamberlain,	252 75
Jarvis Burrell,	1 50
Dennis Curran,	370 95
C. Clarity,	166 43
Edward Carr,	3 50
E. L. Clark,	19 00
Bartley Curran,	5 00
M. S. Curtis,	9 75
P. F. Carrall,	5 70
Daniel Desmond,	29 47
Marcellus Day & Co.,	19 24
Patrick Dreslain,	30 00
B. F. Edson,	5 00
P. M. Frost,	4 00
Enoch Freeman,	1 50
Henry Gurney,	61 70
D. W. Gurney,	60 00
Samuel Gurney,	1 86
L. F. Gammons,	5 93

Wm. Green,	$38 48
John B. Harding,	29 40
Luther Harden,	64 01
Jehiel B. Harden,	15 82
N. T. Harding,	6 00
H. H. Harding,	7 50
Francis Hayward,	131 55
Waldo Hayward,	34 95
Michael Hennessy,	99 58
Maurice Hennessy,	42 75
S. J. Hoyt,	2 10
H. A. Grow,	7 10
N. M. Humble,	2 62
Amos Hunting,	4 00
Hosea Hathaway,	12 00
Joshua Hollis,	4 05
Edward Howard,	2 00
Norman Johnson,	3 00
Samuel Keith,	222 30
H. C. Keith,	18 87
Keith & Jenkins,	70 23
J. W. Latham,	103 95
Eliab Latham,	103 68
P. Luddy,	16 05
A. H. Latham,	22 78
Cyrus Ledgeroutry,	6 75
A. S. Lyon,	8 20
R. A. Lincoln,	2 25
Keith & Latham,	66 05
H. B. Meservy,	4 00
Thomas Mahoney,	32 63
George Mills,	4 11
Patrick Murphy,	10 05

Michael Morrison,	$3 50
Timothy Murphy,	94 37
John O'Brien,	10 05
Thomas O'Brien,	21 95
N. L. Perkins,	11 93
Ames Plow Co.,	21 42
J. W. Perry,	2 62
Lemuel Pratt,	8 00
Martin Parris,	10 70
O'Brian Quigley,	61 76
J. B. Quigley,	12 75
James Roach,	269 30
O. C. Railroad,	2 42
L. P. Raymond,	5 70
Fred Rollins,	1 05
Wm. Ramsdell,	5 00
Chas. Thrasher,	4 63
Rogers & Sheldon,	22 73
A. P. Sturtevant,	13 07
Simon Shean,	39 50
E. F. Sampson,	32 65
Henry Sears,	75 25
Michael Swift,	24 30
Joshua Sturtevant, Jr.,	3 00
W. G. Smelley,	5 01
C. W. Siddall,	2 90
G. D. Stedman,	16 20
Frank Winn,	6 26
Eliab Whitman,	5 31
Timothy White,	11 25
Patrick Welsh,	59 45
C. W. Wixon,	21 85
Luke Worcester,	2 00

C. S. Whitman,	$14 88
S. C. White,	4 50
Galen Willis,	24 30
	$3,391 48
Received selectmen's order to amount of	3,391 48
Appropriation for highway,	$2,500 00
Expended,	2,568 10
Over appropriation,	$68 10
Due from Bridgewaters Water Co.,	26 25
Appropriation for bridges and culverts,	$300 00
Expended,	523 38
Over appropriation,	$223 38
Appropriation for sidewalks,	$300 00
Expended,	300 00

Owing to the freshet of November 26, the following amounts were obliged to be expended: —

For washout near Armor's mill,	$66 60
" Piper's bridge,	16 00
" Littlefield's and Allen's bridges,	14 00
" Vinton's bridge,	45 00
" Shaw's bridge,	95 00
" Rogers & Sheldon's,	9 60
Other washouts,	12 50
	$258 70

This amount has been charged to bridge account.

The road has been widened on Central Street, as ordered by the County Commissioners, at an expense of $270.25, for which

no appropriation was made. This amount has been charged to the Highway and Sidewalk accounts.

There has been expended on Guide Boards the amount of $23.20.

PAID FOR REMOVING SNOW FROM SIDEWALKS.

W. L. Benson,	$4 10
Dennis Curran,	1 95
E. L. Clark,	2 20
J. S. Eastman,	3 60
G. L. French,	1 20
J. Brooks Harding,	4 80
Luther Harding,	2 80
Francis Hayward,	1 95
H. C. Keith,	2 00
James Roach,	6 45
J. W. Latham,	5 65
	$36 70
Appropriation for snow,	100 00
Less appropriation,	63 30

NEW STONE ARCH BRIDGE.

Plans and Specifications

Have been obtained for a Stone Arch Bridge on Central Street, near Wm. Vinton's, as ordered by the County Commissioners.

On the 28th of May, 1888, a contract was made with the Berlin Iron Bridge Company, C. V. Pendleton, agent, to build a stone arch bridge over the Matfield stream on Central Street, twenty-two feet span, thirty-three feet wide; all the stone above the foundation to be granite, for the sum of $2,600.

Bridge was to be completed on or before the 15th of October, 1888. Owing to the extreme high water on the 16th of October, the contract was extended to September 1, 1889, and a forfeit of ten dollars a day is to be paid by the party of the first part to the party of the second part for each day the stone-work remains unfinished, said stone-work to be completed in six weeks after closing the road.

Work was began on the bridge about September 25; seven car-loads of stone came; all the ring stone were cut, the Bridge Company expending about $700, and have been paid $250 on contract, the town having claim on stone, centers and lumber until the bridge is completed.

The following persons have been paid for labor on said bridge, and in making the fill: —

Berlin Iron Bridge Co.,	$250 00
G. L. Chamberlain,	16 00
Con. Clarity,	13 60
Bartley Curran,	15 45
Dennis Curran,	26 35
Lucius Dickerman,	4 75
L. F. Gammons,	3 00
Maurice Hennessy,	2 63
Samuel Keith,	22 50
George Mills,	4 75
O'Brian Quigley,	17 41
James Roach,	11 40
Michael Swift,	10 75
Henry Sears,	14 00
Wm. Vinton,	8 00
Frank Winn,	1 50
	$428 09

The Bridge on Elm Street, north of Jones' box mill, is in bad condition. Part of one abutment has fallen down and must be rebuilt. We think the bridge too low, and recommend that it be raised one foot. We estimate the cost at one hundred and fifty dollars.

We recommend that a culvert be built across the highway on West Street, near Lothrop's shop, and connected with the old water-course through the land of Albert Harding, and that said water-course be re-opened. We estimate the cost at one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

There are several other large culverts which should be rebuilt. We recommend an appropriation of five hundred dollars for the repair of bridges and culverts, and the above improvements.

SAMUEL KEITH,
J. W. LATHAM,
GEO. L. CHAMBERLAIN,
Road Commissioners of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The committee appointed by the selectmen, March 24, 1888, were I. N. Nutter, Alfred B. Parker, W. H. Taylor, Mrs. Henry Hobart, Miss Alice Strong and Miss Phida M. Keith.

The committee organized April 17, by choosing Mr. A. B. Parker chairman, and Mr. I. N. Nutter secretary and treasurer.

The amount of the appropriation made by the town having been reduced one hundred and fifty dollars from the appropriation made in 1887, the committee have purchased a less number of books than had been purchased in preceding years, and have been unable to print a new catalogue, which is now greatly needed, as those first printed are exhausted, and the additions for the past year do not appear on either of the printed lists.

The patrons of the library desire that a new catalogue be printed, and it is hoped the appropriation to be made at the coming annual meeting will be of such amount as will enable those in charge of the library to meet this want.

The voters of the town will be required at the coming annual meeting to comply with the requirements of Chapter 304, Acts of 1888, and choose three or more trustees to hold such positions for terms of one, two and three years.

The number of volumes now in the library is fifteen hundred and fifty-nine, having been increased one hundred and six by purchase, and sixteen volumes have been donated.

Mr. Isaac S. Whitman, of Bangor, Me., has supplemented his former gifts with the last annual volume of the American Cyclopædia, and Hon. B. W. Harris has donated a number of volumes of reports and valuable public documents.

Number of books given out from Jan. 1, 1888, to Jan. 1, 1889,	6,380
An increase over the previous year of	542
Largest number on any day, March 24,	84
Smallest number on any day, October 10,	15
Average number,	42.53

Cards have been issued during the year to 69 new patrons.

Number of persons who have registered for library cards since opening of library, June 25, 1884, 749.

Of these but 214 are now regular patrons.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1888 :

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand,	$73 60
Appropriation by the town,	250 00
Cash of librarian, amount of fines collected,	27 76
	$351 36

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for books purchased,	$131 67
For Magazines purchased,	11 60
Lucie L. Siddall, librarian,	100 00
Express and freight,	3 10
Insurance,	7 50
Isadas Fuller, shelves,	8 00
Keith & Jenkins, material for shelves,	6 87
J. Burrell, printing,	5 00

Paid Binding history of Bridgewater,	$1 25
Incidental,	4 26
	$279 25
Cash in hands of committee,	72 11
	$351 36

A. B. PARKER, *Chairman.*
I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Town Treasurer.*

In account with the town of EAST BRIDGEWATER.

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1888.			
Feb.	4.	Balance as per previous report,	$3,219 04
	7.	Town of West Bridgewater, tuition of pupils in Beaver School,	55 34
	10.	Frank Smith, collector,	115 42
	14.	Town of Whitman, on account aid to Chas. Hatch and others,	23 60
	14.	State Treasurer, borrowed of,	3,000 00
	29.	State Treasurer, corporation tax,	69 41
	29.	State Treasurer, national bank tax,	6 96
April	2.	New Bedford Institution for Savings, on note of town,	5,000 00
	25.	Frank Smith, for license,	1 00
May	26.	F. W. Edson, pool table license,	2 00
	26.	C. Winsor, license to sell imitation butter,	50
June	19.	James Morey, pool table license,	2 00
	19.	R. Gardner Chase & Co., borrowed of,	5,000 00
July	7.	Geo. M. Keith, guardian of Zilpha Hatch, for her support at Taunto hospital,	84 50
August	11.	Quincy Mut. Fire Ins. Co., dividend on policy on school-houses,	16 20
	18.	Frank Smith, collector, on account of taxes of 1887,	81 36

Sept.	12.	Town of Bridgewater, aid to Frank Alden,	$39 50
	25.	Town of Weymouth, aid to Sarah J. Smith,	27 00
Oct.	13.	W. E. Bonney, in payment for Elmwood hook and ladder house,	120 00
Nov.	13.	Estate of Zilpha Hatch, in payment of bill of Taunton lunatic hospital,	31 90
	17.	Frank Smith, town clerk, for pool table license issued to Geo. W. Holmes,	2 00
Dec.	8.	State Treasurer, corporation tax,	1,519 40
	8.	State Treasurer, national bank tax,	818 93
	8.	State Treasurer, State aid,	716 50
	15.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank,	1,000 00
1889.			
January	9.	Town of Bridgewater, aid to F. Alden,	14 00
	12.	Town of Easton, aid to E. W. Chamberlain,	8 00
	16.	Town of Holbrook, aid to W. F. Putnam,	6 51
	17.	County Treasurer, dividend on dog tax,	415 41
	26.	M. L. Webber, in payment for hook and ladder house,	60 00
	26.	State Treasurer, income of Mass. school fund,	164 73
	26.	State Treasurer, revenue school fund,	245 91
	28.	Town of West Bridgewater, aid to George Randall,	7 00

January	28.	Frank Smith, collector, on account tax of 1888,	$18,757 72
	31.	School Committee, cash from sale of books and material,	3 85
			$40,635 69

Cr.

1888.			
April	7.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note,	$3,000 00
	7.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest,	87 50
	26.	State Treasurer, one-fourth of amount for license fee from F. Smith,	25
June	19.	R. Gardner Chase & Co., interest,	66 11
August	28.	Town of Hanson, tax,	21
Sept.	29.	New Bedford Institution for Savings, interest,	112 50
	29.	State Treasurer, note,	3,000 00
	29.	State Treasurer, interest,	73 87
Oct.	13.	State Treasurer, note,	5,000 00
Dec.	7.	State Treasurer, State tax, 1888,	1,957 50
	11.	County Treasurer, county tax, 1888,	1,751 09
	11.	Tax of 1888, on real estate held by town by deed from collector,	2 88
		Orders drawn by school committee,	7,457 95
		Orders drawn by selectmen,	15,893 59
			$38,403 45
Cash on hand,			2,232 24
			$40,635 69

I. N. NUTTER,

Town Treasurer.

East Bridgewater, Feb. 2, 1889.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

1888.		RECEIPTS.	
January	1.	Cash on hand,	$213 50
	4.	C. Wadsworth, dance,	8 00
	13.	J. Lyons, dance,	10 00
	27.	C. F. Mann, dance,	6 00
Feb.	21.	Racket Club, dance,	7 00
	29.	Leap Year Party,	6 00
March	13.	Unitarian Dairy Maid Party,	6 00
	14.	Unitarian Dairy Maid Party,	6 00
April	4.	Engine Co.,	4 00
	5.	War Concert,	3 00
	20.	Unitarian Dairy Maid Party,	6 00
	21.	War Concert,	5 00
May	4.	Lizzie Crowley, dance,	10 00
	8.	Unitarians, C. Mann,	6 00
	18.	J. Lyons, dance,	8 00
	24.	A. Hayward, concert,	4 00
	29.	C. F. Mann, sociable,	6 00
Sept.	12.	Uncle Tom's Cabin,	10 00
	20.	Agricultural Ball,	8 00
Oct.	12.	J. Lyons, dance,	10 00
	27.	Republican Lecture,	5 00
	28.	Harrison and Morton Rallying Co.,	8 00
Nov.	5.	Cleveland Rallying Co.,	12 00
	28.	J. Lyons, dance,	10 00
	29.	Unitarian Entertainment,	8 00

Dec.	14.	Unitarian Committee,	$8 00
	24.	Christmas Tree,	6 00
		Interest on deposit to Jan. 1, 1889,	8 96
			$408 46

1888. EXPENDITURES.

January	1.	J. Dean, coal,	$7 25
	31.	A. Hunting,	5 43
	31.	I. Fuller, janitor,	5 00
Feb.	29.	I. Fuller, janitor,	4 50
	29.	M. S. Curtis,	1 00
	29.	J. Burgess, wood,	1 50
March	10.	Mrs. Dwyre, cleaning,	3 50
	31.	I. Fuller, janitor,	4 50
April	8.	Tuning piano,	2 00
	30.	I. Fuller, janitor,	8 25
May	29.	I. Fuller, wax and faucet filter,	75
	29.	I. Fuller, janitor,	8 50
July	1.	L. F. Gammons,	3 15
August	1.	Keith & Jenkins,	34 51
	29.	Benj. F. Edson, labor,	18 75
	30.	I. Fuller, labor,	20 41
Sept.	30.	I. Fuller, janitor,	3 00
Oct.	25.	Joshua Dean, coal,	7 50
	20.	Mrs. Dwyre, cleaning,	1 00
	31.	I. Fuller, janitor,	7 50
Nov.	11.	Cleaning Hall,	3 00
	11.	Wax for floor,	35
	16.	A. C. Chandler, tuning piano,	2 50
	29.	A. Waterman, oil,	70
	30.	I. Fuller, janitor,	12 00

Dec.	30.	I. Fuller, labor and wax,	$2 25
	30.	I. Fuller, janitor,	6 00
	31.	A. Hunting,	38
	31.	L. F. Gammons,	11 75
	31.	I. Fuller, Sec. and Treas. of Committee,	10 00
			$196 93
		Cash on hand,	211 53
			$408 46

ISADAS FULLER,
Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Treasurer, Assessors, and Collector, and have the honor to report as follows: —

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on treasurer,	$15,893 59
Amount of orders paid by treasurer,	15,893 59

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on treasurer,	$7,457 95
Amount of orders paid by treasurer,	7,457 95

TREASURER.

Amount received during the year,	$40,635 69
Amount paid out during the year,	38,403 45
Cash on hand,	$2,232 24

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection,	$18,820 77
Interest,	76 07
	$18,896 84
Amount paid to treasurer,	18,757 72
Uncollected taxes,	$139 12

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT AT ALMSHOUSE.

Amount on hand Dec. 31, 1887, and received during the year ending Dec. 31, 1888,	$636 32
Amount paid out during the year ending Dec. 31, 1888,	578 91
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1889,	$57 41

Total valuation, $1,488,646.
Rate assessed, $11.50 per $1,000.

I again have to thank the several officials for their promptness in presenting the books and papers which it has been my duty to examine, and to commend them for the exact and tidy state in which the same were found.

Respectfully submitted,

N. F. DUNPHE,
Auditor.

East Bridgewater,
Feb. 4, 1889.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOSE HOUSES AND FIRE APPARATUS.

Appropriation by town,	$5,000 00	
Proceeds from sale of hook and ladder houses, per vote of special town meeting,	180 00	
		$5,180 00

CENTRE HOSE HOUSE.

M. L. Webber, land on Union Street,	$450 00	
R. O. Harris, examination of title,	3 00	
S. L. Ryder, plans,	6 25	
Brockton Enterprise, advertising,	1 05	
Samuel Keith and others, foundation and grading,	41 78	
A. S. Lyon, erection of house as per contract,	1,225 00	
A. S. Lyon, extra for attic stairs, tower, locks, etc.,	25 73	
Rogers & Sheldon and others, grading,	3 40	
L. F. Gammons, plumbing,	24 06	
J. M. Whiting, brick-work and pointing,	40 38	
Total cost of house and land,	$1,820 65	
Insurance, 5 years' policy $1,000 in Hamburg (Bremen) Ins. Co.,	15 00	
		$1,835 65

FIRE APPARATUS AND FURNISHINGS FOR CENTRE HOSE HOUSE.

Boston Woven Hose Co., for two hose carriages, 1,000 feet hose, pipe, etc.,	$800 00	
Bliss Bros., blocks for tower,	5 50	
J. Baker, rope for tower,	10 26	
Bishop Bros., for 40 feet extension ladder,	33 75	
Carver Cotton Gin Co., tank,	4 91	
M. S. Curtis, painting ladder, tank, and sundries,	7 84	
Boston Woven Hose Co., spanners,	4 50	
Hall Rubber Co., four rubber coats,	15 04	
L. F. Gammons and others, sundries,	1 45	
Freight and express,	1 07	
C. W. Siddall, wrenches and iron,	1 25	
B. T. Baker, straps and buckles,	90	
		$886 47

ELMWOOD HOSE HOUSE.

Albert Harden, for land,	$175 00	
S. L. Ryder, plans,	6 25	
Brockton Enterprise, advertising,	1 05	
Samuel Keith and others, stone-work and grading,	46 33	
J. M. Whiting, brick work,	37 37	
D. W. Gurney and others, grading,	25 65	
A. S. Lyon, erection of house, as per contract,	1,225 00	
A. S. Lyon, extra work,	10 47	
L. F. Gammons, plumbing,	32 43	
Total cost of house and land,	$1,559 55	
Insurance, 5 years' policy $1,000, in Hamburg (Bremen) Ins. Co.,	15 00	
		$1,574 55

FIRE APPARATUS AND FURNISHINGS FOR ELMWOOD HOSE HOUSE.

Boston Woven Hose Co., for 2 hose carriages, 1,000 feet hose, pipe, etc.,	$800 00	
Bliss Bros., blocks for tower,	5 50	
J. Baker & Co., rope for tower,	10 26	
Bishop Bros., for 40 feet extension ladder,	33 75	
Carver Cotton Gin Co., tank,	4 91	
M. S. Curtis, painting ladder and tank,	3 84	
Boston Woven Hose Co., spanners,	4 50	
Hall Rubber Co., four rubber coats,	15 04	
L. F. Gammons and others, sundries,	1 45	
Freight and express,	1 08	
C. W. Siddall, wrenches and iron,	1 25	
B. T. Baker, straps and buckles,	90	
		$882 48

RECAPITULATION.

Centre Hose House,	$1,820 65	
Equipment,	886 47	
Insurance,	15 00	
		$2,722 12
Elmwood Hose House,	$1,559 55	
Equipment,	882 48	
Insurance,	15 00	
		2,457 03
		$5,179 15
Unexpended balance,		85
		$5,180 00

HENRY HOBART,
M. S. CURTIS,
ALBERT HARDEN,
I. N. NUTTER,
SAMUEL KEITH,
Committee.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

1888.				
Jan. 1.	Balance of amount allowed department by law,			$65 49
Mar. 3.	Paid Bridgewater Engine Co., for services Jan. 28,	$14 25		
" 3.	Paid W. E. Bonney, repairs on Elmwood truck,	19 50		
" 3.	Paid W. L. Benson, for horses,	5 00		
			38 75	
Unexpended,				$26 74

1888.			
May 1.	Amount allowed department by law,		$100 00
" 1.	Paid I. Horton, care of apparatus,	$20 00	
" 1.	W. E. Bonney, pole straps,	2 00	
Aug. 18.	B. W. Hose Co., repairs of hose,	1 50	
" 18.	W. L. Benson, horses for fire,	5 00	
" 18.	W. K. Churchill, six lanterns,	3 50	
Sep. 24.	Frye, Phipps & Co., 60 Yale keys,	11 10	
" 24.	S. A. Lusarder, care of apparatus to Aug. 1,	5 10	
" 24.	Alger & Co., express,	1 40	
Oct. 30.	C. E. Linfield, printing rules and regulations,	5 00	
" 30.	I. Horton, framing rules and regulations,	1 00	

Oct. 30.	W. E. Bonney, labor on repairs,	$2 15	
" 30.	M. S. Curtis, sponges and chamois skin,	2 50	
			60 25
Unexpended,			$39 75

The town, through its committee, has placed in the hands of the engineers during the year, two hose houses with four hand hose reels, 2,000 feet of hose, and two forty-feet extension ladders, thereby putting the department in a good condition as regards apparatus, with the exception of the hook and ladder truck at the Center, which is very unwieldly, and not at all suitable for its place, and will have to be replaced by a lighter one at no distant date.

The two houses are as yet unfurnished, except so far as the companies have, at their own expense, supplied chairs, lights, etc.; and believing that all necessary furniture should be supplied by, and belong to, the town, we would recommend that the sum of three hundred dollars be placed in the hands of the board for the above purpose, and for necessary repairs on the apparatus.

Acting as fire-wards, we have been called upon to extinguish two forest fires at an expense of $28.50.

MINOT S. CURTIS, *Chief.*

W. K. CHURCHILL,
F. C. NUTTER,
CHAS. E. FIELD,
JOSHUA DEAN,
Assistants.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

Twenty-six marriages have been recorded during the year.

Date.		Names of Groom and Bride and Residence.
1888.		
Jan.	2.	Charles W. Hunt, of East Bridgewater, and Helen F. Gowell, of Auburn, Maine. By Rev. Thomas H. Stacy.
	9.	Thaddeus M. Bouldry and Mary Ellen Howard, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
	10.	Thomas O'Brien, Jr., of East Bridgewater, and Annie O'Hearn, of Fall River. By Rev. L. J. Deady.
Feb.	24.	A. Everett Howe, of East Bridgewater, and Dora R. Vorhees, of Indiana. By Rev. C. B. Pitblado.
May	14.	Calix Boucher and Louise Tiroux, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Wm. E. Kelley.
	18.	Elbridge W. White, of Brockton, and Cora J. Ripley, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
	28.	Remeyne Wellet, of East Bridgewater, and Georgianna Wellet, of Taunton. By Rev. James F. Roach.
June	19.	Isaac F. Wade and Sarah E. Gaffney, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Samuel Bell.

June 24. Charles F. Stanley, of East Bridgewater, and Lena M. Pratt, of Whitman. By Rev. J. J. Twiss.

24. Lucius J. Curtis and Rosie C. Baker, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

25. Nelson R. Hobbs and Ann E. Sherburne, both of Brockton. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

July 1. Joshua Sturtevant, Jr., and Mary Graham, both of East Bridgewater. By John Foster, J. P.

3. Charles H. Alger, of Brockton, and Florence F. Keene, of West Bridgewater. By Rev. Richard Burn.

28. Charles E. Sharpe and Jennie E. Beaton, both of Whitman. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

29. Austin E. Parris, of East Bridgewater, and Mabel F. Benson, of Bridgewater. By Rev. Thomas W. Brown.

Aug. 10. Augustus E. Bouldry and Lena May Carr, both of Bridgewater. By Rev. Richard Burn.

13. Eustis W. Sturtevant, of East Bridgewater, and Margaret O. Hooker, of Bridgewater. By Rev. J. J. Cressey.

15. Edgar Healy Rowe, of Bowling Green, Va., and Mary Winslow Shaw, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

Sept. 2. Samuel T. Howland, of East Bridgewater, and Edith E. Estes, of Hanson. By Rev. Joseph H. Fletcher.

19. Michael H. Lyons and Annie Maguire, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Wm. E. Kelley.

Sept. 23. William H. Blanchard, of Whitman, and Lillian J. Wood, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Samuel Bell.

Oct. 3. James P. Malseed, of Philadelphia, and Mary Isabelle Hobart, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

8. Louis Forcier and Elalie Gregorie, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.

Nov. 11. Elliott W. Thrasher, of East Bridgewater, and Barbara A. F. Raymond, of Hanson. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Dec. 23. Clarence E. Gilman, of Taunton, and Jennie W. Chesney, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Samuel Bell.

26. William H. Bussey and Hannah J. Smith, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

FRANK SMITH,

Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1888.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Parents' Name.
1888.		
Jan. 5	Maud Emily Hoyt	Harry N. and Eva F.
" 11	Barbara Louise Keith	Frank O. and Alice M.
" 27	Joseph Mondeau	Narcisse and Adeline.
Feb. 1	Alice Connors Condon	Patrick and Kate.
" 11	Helen Hunt	George and Lillian A.
" 11	Maggie Sullivan	John and Mary.
" 13	Marjorie Delia Hutchins	John W. and Delia M.
" 15	Charles Forest Edson	Eugene and Sarah.
Mar. 5	Elizabeth Carroll	John W. and Annie.
" 28	Mabel Olane Shepard	John B. and Julia.
Apr. 10	Marie Zensie Tereau	John and Anise.
" 14	Mertle McAllister	Warren D. and Alta.
" 23	Mary Ridgenear Burdeau	Timothy and Bernice.
" 24	Freddie Alton Keith	Fred L. and Jennie M.
May 2	Dora Frances Roy	Nazaire and Victoria.
" 28	Nellie May Johnson	Ulysses G. and Annie.
June 17	Edna Louise Adam	George and Annie A.
" 20	Richard Parsons Whitman	William P. and Elizabeth.
" 25	Harvey Andrew Remeyear	Alfred and Jennie.
July 5	Alice Louise Mitchell	Robert J. and Mary.
" 5	Lea Thibeault	Gilbert and Sophina.
" 15	Frederic Allen Porter	Edward A. and Abbie F.
" 24	Mary E. Stack	Patrick and Mary.
" 25	Clark	Charles H. and Eliza B.
" 25	Fitz Herbert Smith	J. L. Place and Sarah J.
Aug. 26	John Edward Alden	Frank and Emma F.
" 26	William Murdock Johnson	Norman G. and Elizabeth C.
Sept. 6	Elbridge Byron Curtis	Edward B. and Annie G.
" 28	Fred B. Rollins	George E. and Eliza C.
" 29	John Campbell	Lot and Mary.
Oct. 5	Albert Duval	Noe and Mary.
" 12	Alex Canstantino.	Alexander and Amelia.
" 12	Roy Clifton Gardner	Fred E. and Nellie W.
" 26	Lester Washburn Severance	George W. and Celia P.
Nov. 2	Mary McGrath	James and Bridget.
" 3	Harry Warren Newhall	Frank W. and Mary A.
" 21	Ella Maria Josselyn	James E. and Florence M.
" 26	Coolidge	Joseph A. and Anna M.
" 26	Percy William Trudeau	William and Sophia M.
Dec. 12	Ward	Stillman W. and Edith M.
" 18	Katie Morey	Marian and Katrina.
" 18	Ethel Marion Keith	Eugene F. and Helen M.
" 19	Elizabeth Goshie.	Michel and Ellen.
" 22	Marie Rosie Lahairs	Archille and Julienne.
" 24	John Sheahan	Simon and Kate.
" 25	Catherine Elizabeth Kingman	Walter G. and Mary.

Whole number of births in 1888, 46. FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1888.

Date of Death.	Name.	Age.			Disease or Cause of Death.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1888.					
Jan. 13	George W. Jenkins . .	89			Pneumonia.
Feb. 11	Galen Allen	86		18	Senile Gangrene.
" 13	Fred Lothrop	9	7	16	Scarlet Fever.
" 19	Lizzie B. Parker . . .	27		3	Phthisis.
" 20	Susan W. Sturtevant .	67	3	18	Pneumonia.
" 22	David Roach	61			Pulmonary Congestion
" 27	John Reed	86		29	Neuralgia of the Heart.
March 11	Harriet Washburn . .	86	2	4	Pneumonia.
" 19	Hanora Carr	42			Pneumonia.
" 22	Thomas Hewett . . .	76	10	19	Heart Disease.
" 23	William Murphy . . .	47			Pneumonia.
" 26	Allen Washburn . . .	75	4	26	Pneumonia.
" 27	Sophia Washburn . .	76	9	7	Acute Bronch'l Catarrh
" 27	Susanna W. Chamberlain	94	7	4	Senile Decay.
April 12	Edward Hassett . . .	78	4	1	Pneumonia.
" 23	Wallace G. Lincoln . .	20	6	16	Inflammat'n of Bowels
May 6	Alice Barrett		8		Capillary Bronchitis
" 14	John A. Whiting . . .	87	7	28	Pneumonia.
" 18	Frank Dillon			23	Dentition.
" 24	Kate Dillon	3	2	19	Capillary Bronchitis.
June 6	Elisha Loring	75	1	25	Phthisis.
" 7	Sally Hall	67	3	24	Heart Disease.
" 10	Hezekiah B. Tuttle . .	58	5	24	Phthisis.
" 16	Sophy A. Sprague . .	21	8	1	Laryngeal Phthisis.
" 17	John Dean	80	9	13	Old Age.
" 18	Lucy Keith	72	2		Dropsy.
" 24	Joshua T. Ryder . . .	72	9	3	Apoplexy.
July 10	George A. Shaw . . .	9	4		Accidental Drowning.
" 10	Edward B. Meservey .	11	7	8	Accidental Drowning.
" 10	Lillian M. Goodwin . .	11	11		Diphtheria.
" 28	Harriet P. Whitman .	70	7	12	Heart Disease. [Brain.
August 9	James B. Osborne . .	42			Organic Disease of the
" 9	Alice W. Chandler . .	12	6	26	Typhoid Fever.
" 16	Mary B. Reed	86	2	8	Hemiplegia.
" 25	Barbara Louise Keith .		7	14	Convulsions.
Sept. 2	Bethia O. Hudson . .	58	5	22	Paralysis.
" 2	Albert C. Beals . . .		11		Dentition.
" 10	Eli Blanchard	61			Chronic Diarrhœa.
" 13	Alice B. Wright . . .	89	11	23	Apoplexy.
Oct. 5	Mary S. Ripley . . .	85	9	5	Apoplexy.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1888.—*Continued.*

Date of Death.	Name.	Age.			Disease or Cause of Death.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1888.					
Oct. 6	Joseph Morse	77	11	8	Heart Disease.
" 11	Clark Swallow	74	6	21	Paralysis.
" 13	Sarah J. Jones	32	7	22	Apoplexy.
" 21	James B. Grover	31	11	15	Typhoid Pneumonia.
" 31	Lydia Worcester	78	6	18	Spinal Paralysis.
" 31	George H. Pratt	75	6	15	Erysipelas.
Nov. 20	Seth Thompson	97	2	14	Old Age.
Dec. 13	Mercena A. Whitman	82	10	26	Old Age.
" 15	Henry J. Starbuck	82			Heart Failure.
" 23	Marion C. Holmes	32	4		Phthisis Pulmonalis.
" 29	Phœbe H. Sisson	76	1	27	Diarrhœa.
" 31	Ethel M. Keith			14	Marasmus.

Whole number of deaths in 1888, 52.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

FRANK SMITH, *Collector*,

In account with town of EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

To amount of taxes of 1887 uncollected,	$79 93
" interest collected,	1 43
	$81 36

CR.

By amount paid treasurer,	$81 36

1888. DR.

To amount committed,	$18,820 77
" interest collected,	76 07
	$18,896 84

CR.

By amount paid treasurer,	$18,757 72
" uncollected,	139 12
	$18,896 84

FRANK SMITH,

Feb. 1, 1889. *Collector.*

TOWN MEETING.

PLYMOUTH, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of East Bridgewater, in the County of Plymouth, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of East Bridgewater, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said town, on Monday, the fourth day of March next, at one o'clock, P. M., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To hear and act upon the reports of town officers and committees.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to pay all town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 6. To adopt some method for the collection of taxes.

ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 8. To act upon a list of jurors as proposed by the selectmen.

Art. 9. To vote upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Art. 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars for the improvement of the town lots in the Elmwood Cemetery. (By request.)

Art. 11. To see what action the town will take to prevent the encroachment of Matfield river upon Bedford Street, near the house of E. Davenport. (By request.)

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up a copy thereof at the post-offices, and also at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, seven days, at least, before the time for holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said East Bridgewater, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Give under our hands this fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

GEO. M. KEITH,
ELIAB LATHAM,
SAMUEL C. WHITE,
Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1888=9.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In obedience to the requirements of the Commonwealth, the school committee herewith submit their annual report:

At the Annual Town Meeting held on March 5, 1888, Dr. George Hunt was elected a member of the committee for three years. At a meeting of the committee, held for organization, Dr. Hunt was chosen chairman, and W. C. Fickett was elected secretary and treasurer, and was also chosen to attend to the purchase, care and distribution of text-books and school supplies.

No formal assignment of schools to particular members of the committee was made, as it was thought best for each member to acquire, as far as possible, a personal knowledge of the condition and wants of each school. While the schools have thus been visited frequently by different members of the committee, the other actual labor of the board, such as the preparation of test and examination papers, the correction of the same, and the examination and promotion of pupils, the preparation of reports, etc., has been done by the secretary. The condition of the several schools, as far as can be shown by the usual statistics in relation to membership and attendance, is here appended:

NAME OF SCHOOL.	AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.						Per Cent. of Average Attendance for Year.
	SUMMER.		FALL.		WINTER.		
	Whole No.	Ave'ge attend-ance.	Whole No.	Ave'ge attend-ance.	Whole No.	Ave'ge attend-ance.	
High School	54	47.6	61	54.4	58	51.6	95.6
Centre Grammar	30	27.9	37	35.7	34	31.1	95.9
Centre Intermediate	26	21.9	31	28.8	32	29.3	94
West Intermediate	37	30.1	31	27.3	26	24.1	93.3
West Primary	37	29.6	35	31	36	32.6	92 7
North Primary	45	36.8	36	29.1	32	28.2	88.6
Elmwood Grammar	29	26.7	26	22.9	28	28.4	91
Elmwood Primary	44	38.7	46	41	48	39.2	95
Beaver Grammar	22	19	22	19	20	18	94*
Beaver Primary	17	16.4	20	17.7	20	18.5	97
Northville	36	32.5	38	31.5	37	34	95.1
Eastville	25	19.7	27	17.7	18	15.6	94
Curtisville	15	13.9	15	14.1	15	13.7	95
Satucket	25	17.1	26	21.7	22	19.6	87.6
Total	442	377.9	451	391.9	426	383.9	93.4*

Number of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen, as shown by the school census taken May 1, 1888, was 438

Decrease from last year, 26

Whole number of pupils of all ages enrolled on school registers, 514

Number over fifteen years of age,	39
Number under five years of age,	1
Number of children of school age attending,	474
Increase from last year,	8
Average membership of schools for year,	408
Decrease from last year,	5
Average attendance for year,	382
Per cent. of average attendance,	93.4

CONDITION OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Though a somewhat detailed account of the condition of the several school houses and other school property was given in the last Annual Report, and suggestions made in regard to the same, some of which were adopted by the town, yet it is deemed advisable to refer to the matter again.

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

The floors, both in the High and Grammar school rooms, are in a worse condition than last year, when they were described as "old, badly-worn and unsightly." The desks and chairs are also old, defaced and poorly adapted to the comfort and convenience of the pupils. New floors, either of pine or birch, should be laid during the summer vacation. The cost, exclusive of the chairs and desks, is estimated at two hundred and fifty dollars.

ELMWOOD.

A due regard for the comfort of the pupils attending the schools in this village requires some repairs and improvements to be made here before another winter. The ceiling of the Grammar school room is nearly fifteen feet high and should be lowered at least three feet, and some other minor repairs made,

when, by aid of the double windows recently put on, the room may be kept warm and comfortable during the winter season.

The floor of the Primary room must be relaid, as there is little left of the present one but knots irregularly distributed over what was once a soft-pine floor. The carpenter's estimate for thoroughly repairing both rooms is one hundred and forty dollars.

EASTVILLE.

The house in this section must be shingled, and a part or the whole of the interior replastered. The estimated cost is one hundred dollars.

CURTISVILLE.

In accordance with the vote of the town further changes have been made upon the house and outbuildings in Curtisville. The house has been plastered, one side of the roof shingled, a new and substantial fence built around the lot, new water closets built, and several other changes effected by which this house is now made as convenient as could be desired.

The committee wish to express their appreciation of the commendable habits of neatness and order which, for several years, have been noticeable in and about this school house. The school room has always been found tidy and scrupulously clean, the wood house and other out-buildings in as good order as the most fastidious could wish.

SATUCKET.

It was found necessary to build a new fence around the school premises in this section of the town. The house has been painted during the year, and is now in excellent repair. But few more attractive school premises can be found in Plymouth county than those to be seen here. The ample and

well-kept grounds, the beautiful shade trees, the neat and attractive house, all combine to make this what every school should be — a pleasant and agreeable home for the pupils. The educational value of these pleasant surroundings cannot be easily over-estimated. All that has been before said in regard to the cleanliness and neatness of the premises in Curtisville, can be repeated with emphasis in relation to Satucket.

OTHER SCHOOL HOUSES.

The West Primary and Beaver houses have been painted and are now in excellent condition, answering admirably the purpose for which they were erected. The Northville Grammar and the North Primary will need only incidental repairs this year. The Primary house in Northville is still unoccupied, there not being a sufficient number of pupils enrolled in this neighborhood to justify the expense of two schools.

WATER SUPPLY.

The introduction of water has proved a great convenience to all the schools reached by the works of the Water Company, and it is a matter of great regret that the remaining schools cannot be as well supplied.

The attention of the town is called to the fact that no provision was made for the disposal of the overflow and waste water in any of the houses into which the pipes have been carried, but the surplus water has been simply turned under the houses. This method of drainage, while it may be inexpensive, and perhaps novel, cannot but prove highly detrimental to the health of both pupils and teachers.

As the matter of putting water into the houses was not intrusted to your committee, they have hesitated to take any measures for preventing what must, in time, become a most

serious nuisance. A sufficient appropriation should be made at once to put these houses in a proper sanitary condition.

TRUANCY.

It is gratifying to report a decided improvement in regard to truancy. But few cases have occurred and these of a type easily managed. We have, however, one habitual truant, who defies successfully all the efforts of teacher and truant officer.

Since the Supreme Court has decided that the law concerning the establishment of County Truant Schools by the County Commissioners is mandatory, we may hope in the near future to have a suitable place where such truants can be sent for discipline and reformation.

PROMOTIONS.

Among the many duties devolving upon the school committee, none present greater or more perplexing difficulties than that of wisely deciding the many questions sure to arise in regard to the promotion of scholars. Various methods and systems have been employed, none of which have escaped severe criticism. Objections to making the results of written examinations the *sole* test are readily admitted. Sensitive and delicately organized children often become so nervous and excited, under such examinations, as to fail to do themselves justice, and so fail "to pass." The marking of daily recitations by the teacher, at the time of the recitation, is, in the opinion of many school authorities, unwise, on the ground that the teacher's attention must necessarily be given to estimating what per cent. the recitation should be marked rather than to the more important work of skilful questioning and thorough teaching. Promotion on the recommendation of the teacher alone proves unsatisfactory to all parties interested. The method pursued for several

years in our schools has been to depend in part upon written examinations given at stated times by the teacher, and in part on similar examinations given by the committee. While this method has seemed suitable and fair, the results have not always been satisfactory. Pupils able and anxious to do advanced work have failed to get the required per cent., while others less qualified have, by good luck or fortunate circumstances, succeeded in obtaining the required rank. Such pupils are invariably a hindrance to the progress of the class into which they have thus accidentally entered; their ability to do satisfactory work is limited, and when they are "dropped" to a lower class "the times are out of joint," and teachers and committee are half inclined to repeat the remainder of the quotation with a personal application.

It is believed that a combination of written tests and the results of the daily recitations for a certain number of weeks in each term, would furnish a more reliable criterion than is afforded by the exclusive use of either of the methods before mentioned. Promotions will hereafter be made upon this plan.

TEACHERS.

The committee are sorry to report a large number of changes in the roll of teachers during the last year. Seven of the fifteen teachers employed have resigned since the last report was made. These resignations, accepted with reluctance by the committee, were, in nearly every instance, caused by better inducements being offered in other places. The results of such frequent changes cannot be otherwise than detrimental to the best interests of the schools. There is no other remedy for this evil than larger appropriations for school purposes. With two or three hundred dollars additional for the salaries of teachers, the committee feel confident that the services of

several teachers whose places cannot be well filled with the means now furnished, might have been retained. Notwithstanding these obstacles the schools are doing, with few exceptions, as well as we have a right to expect. The teachers have shown a good degree of faithfulness in their work, and the pupils have generally been diligent in their studies and correct in deportment. But few cases of discipline requiring the intervention of the committee have occurred, and these not of a very serious nature.

MUSIC.

The time is past, it is hoped, when it is necessary to adduce any arguments in favor of the study of music in the public schools. But for several years past but little attention has been given to this subject, and as a consequence, the interest in this most pleasant and helpful study has decreased until singing is rarely heard, even in the High School, except as a part of the daily devotional exercises. For a comparatively small sum, a suitable person could be employed to give weekly instruction in this neglected branch of study in each school. Under the music teacher's direction the several teachers could carry on the work, and as good results be obtained in music as in any other regular study.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. J. W. Hutchins, the Principal of this school since September, 1884, resigned at the close of the summer term to accept a more lucrative position as sub-master in the Malden High School. After much deliberation and the examination of many applicants, Mr. J. A. Coolidge, a graduate of Harvard, was elected to the vacant position.

The usual statistics of the school are presented in the following table:

	Number in each Class.	Number in 4 Years' Course.	Number in 3 Years' Course.	Number in 2 Years' Course.
Seniors	6	6		
Sub-Seniors	11	7	4	
Ex-Juniors	15	10	4	1
Juniors	21	5	15	1
Totals	53	28	23	2

List of Graduates, June 29, 1888.

Four years' English and Latin course: —

Charles W. Leach. Isabella O. Nutter.
Arthur C. Churchill. Walter E. Richards.
Anna L. Hill.

Three years' English course: —

Florence E. Dean. Minerva Edson.
Bertha M. Kingman. Nellie C. Wade.

Some variation from the regular course of study has been made for the benefit of those pupils who, for want of time, find themselves unable to complete the whole of the prescribed course. Where there has been a real demand for such a departure and when it could be granted without interference with the regular work of the school, permission for the desired change has been readily given.

This school is fairly well supplied with philosophical and chemical apparatus, but needs additional books of reference, charts, maps, etc. A small annual appropriation, judiciously

expended for this purpose, would put the school in good working order.

The committee submit the following estimates for the ensuing year:

For support of schools,	$5,800
Text-books and supplies,	400
General repairs,	100
Incidentals,	250
Repairs on High School house,	250
Repairs on Elmwood school house,	140
Repairs on Eastville school house,	100

GEORGE HUNT,
WYMAN C. FICKETT,
LEONARD SELEE,
School Committee.

East Bridgewater,
Feb. 1, 1889.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Appropriation,	$5,600 00
Received of State Treasurer,	164 73
" County Treasurer,	415 41
" State Treasurer, revenue school fund,	245 91
Amount available,	$6,426 05

EXPENDITURES.

Teaching.

John W. Hutchins, High School,	$630 00
J. A. Coolidge, "	400 00
Florence M. Cross, "	450 00
Susan H. Kimball, Centre Grammar,	210 00
Susan A. Bullard, "	150 00
Lizzie L. Savery, Centre Intermediate,	324 00
Mary Mayo, Beaver Grammar,	324 00
Hattie A. Willis, Beaver Primary,	252 00
Cora J. Ripley, West Intermediate,	81 00
Julia Mansfield, "	243 00
Abbie B. Wade, West Primary,	252 00
Minnie E. Bigelow, Elmwood Grammar,	210 00
Eva E. Pickering, "	140 00
Jennie T. Donoghue, Elmwood Primary,	350 00
Ann W. Harden, Satucket,	288 00
Hattie M. Bates, Curtisville,	288 00
Mrs. H. B. Meservey, Eastville,	288 00
Mrs. E. M. Murphy, Northville,	360 00

Grace L. Cook, North Primary,	$288 00
Henrietta Hill, Elmwood Grammar,	4 00
Town of Whitman, tuition of Wood children,	24 00
	$5,556 00

FUEL.

A. L. Alger, coal,	$342 85
J. D. Jones, wood, etc.,	11 60
H. M. Porter, charcoal,	3 36
James Timmons, sawing wood,	2 50
Lester A. Harden, "	1 00
	$361 31

CARE OF HOUSES.

James Timmons, High School house,	$111 89
Mrs. E. M. Murphy, Northville,	7 00
Clara McKenzie, "	2 10
H. Blanchard, "	4 33
L. H. Hayward, Beaver,	20 83
Alice M. Whitman, Beaver,	4 67
Edmund Reed, Beaver,	6 00
Chas. E. Shaw, Eastville,	11 00
Mrs. Lyman C. Shaw, Eastville,	3 00
Lester A. Harden, Curtisville,	7 00
Mrs. Thomas H. Bouldry, Curtisville,	3 00
Paul Shepard, Satucket,	4 00
Mrs. Sumner, "	1 00
Ann W. Harden, "	6 00
Mrs. Daniel Geary, North Primary,	10 25
John Edson, Elmwood,	8 00
Wilfred Jones, "	3 00
Frank Poole, "	3 00
R. C. Stevens, "	8 00

Mrs. James Cunningham, Elmwood,	$6 00
Mrs. M. Hennessey, West Intermediate,	10 20
Julia Mansfield, "	9 00
Abbie B. Wade, West Primary,	9 00
	$258 27

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for teaching,	$5,556 00
" fuel,	361 31
" care of houses,	258 27
Total,	$6,175 58
Amount available,	6,426 05
Unexpended,	$250 47

TEXT-BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Ginn & Company,	$33 82
J. L. Hammett,	185 95
W. P. Adams,	6 40
Boston School Supply Co.,	12 80
Harper & Brothers,	58 38
Harrison Hume,	19 79
Educational Supply Co.,	8 68
Clark & Maynard,	8 40
William Ware & Co.,	11 25
A. M. Edwards,	15 00
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	10 50
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.,	21 00
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	14 00
Total,	$405 97
Appropriation,	350 00
Excess of expenditures,	$55 97

INCIDENTALS.

W. C. Fickett, expense of teachers' meeting,	$3 00
" postage, etc. (1887),	4 20
" cash paid for freight,	65
H. C. Keith, labor,	1 50
S. P. Shaw, brooms, etc.,	1 20
L. H. Hayward, setting glass, etc.,	75
E. L. Clark, labor,	3 00
E. F. Sampson, work on pumps,	2 50
L. J. Voigt, diplomas.	2 25
Reuben Harden, labor,	3 55
L. F. Gammons, hardware, etc.,	82 48
F. C. Nutter, curtains, etc.,	10 36
W. C. Fickett, school census,	20 00
Jarvis Burrell, printing, etc.,	13 85
Edmund Reed, sundries,	2 00
B. F. Bisbee, stove winch,	50
H. M. Sears, grading, Eastville,	8 75
Frank Smith, chemicals,	4 80
Alger & Co., express,	14 35
W. F. Bowles, repairs on organ,	7 00
W. C. Fickett, expense in obtaining teachers, including fares,	9 35
W. C. Fickett, postage,	4 74
W. C. Fickett, cash paid for telephone and telegraph charges,	1 55
Cash paid for employment blanks,	1 00
A. C. Chandler, organ,	20 00
Total,	$223 33
Appropriation,	200 00
Excess of expenditure,	$23 33

GENERAL REPAIRS.

Mrs. E. M. Murphy, cash paid Northville,	$1 15
J. R. Stedman, " "	1 61
J. E. Bisbee, " "	1 27
Irving Horton,	7 15
S. L. Seaver,	12 49
M. S. Curtis,	57 54
S. L. Seaver, fence, Satucket,	50 55
J. M. Whiting,	17 87
H. A. Osborne,	1 25
Edmund Reed,	1 78
Ezra T. Fuller,	1 50
Otis Bisbee,	2 10
Total,	$156 26
Appropriation,	150 00
Excess of expenditures,	$6 26

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Repairs at Curtisville.

(To be paid out of balance of appropriation of last year.)

Paid S. L. Seaver,	$147 70	
J. M. Whiting,	24 30	
M. S. Curtis,	23 40	
C. S. Whitman,	2 50	
		$197 90
Appropriation for painting school houses,		$150 00
Paid M. S. Curtis,		150 00

Appropriation for insurance,	$75 00
Paid B. W. Keith,	141 95
Excess of expenditure,	$66 95

SUMMARY.

Total amount of bills paid,	$7,457 95
" available,	7,548 95
Amount unexpended,	$91 00

W. C. FICKETT,
Treasurer of School Committee.

EAST BRIDGEWATER,
Feb. 1, 1889.

SIXTY-SIXTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE YEAR 1889.

BROCKTON:
G. A. GOODALL, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.
1890.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1889.

Town Clerk.
FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer.
ISAAC N. NUTTER.

Collector.
FRANK SMITH.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.
GEORGE M. KEITH, SAMUEL C. WHITE, HENRY GURNEY.

School Committee.
GEORGE HUNT, WYMAN C. FICKETT, LEONARD SELEE.

Auditor.
N. FRANK DUNPHE.

Constables.
FRANK W. FRENCH, ISADAS FULLER, ROBERT J. MITCHELL,
BENJAMIN SIDDALL, EDWARD E. EDSON, GEORGE SANDRIDGE,
CHARLES W. ADAMS, ADAM R. HUMBLE.

Special Police.
THOMAS S. H. ROUNSEVILLE.

Road Commissioners.
SAMUEL KEITH, JAMES W. LATHAM, GEORGE L. CHAMBERLAIN.

Measurers of Wood.
WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, WILLIAM B. HALL, SAMUEL E. KEITH.

Weighers of Coal.
JOHN W. HARDEN, ARTHUR G. WATERMAN.
SAMUEL E. KEITH, ZENAS A. JENKINS.

Surveyors of Lumber.
LEVI P. CHURCHILL, SAMUEL L. SEAVER, ZENAS A. JENKINS.

Pound Keeper.
HENRY W. SEARS.

Field Drivers.
WILLIAM H. BUSSEY, CHARLES W. HUNT, MICHAEL H. LYONS.

Fence Viewers.
HENRY GURNEY, A. HARRIS LATHAM.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.
ROBERT YOUNG.

Engineers Fire Department.
MINOT E. CURTIS, WARREN K. CHURCHILL, FRED C. NUTTER,
JOSHUA DEAN, CHARLES E. FIELD.

Registrars of Voters.
ROBERT O. HARRIS, E. S. WHITMARSH,
AMOS HUNTING, FRANK SMITH.

Trustees of Public Library.
ISAAC N. NUTTER, 3 Yrs. ALFRED B. PARKER, 2 Yrs. WM. H. TAYLOR, 1 Yr.
MISS MARY T. HOBART, 3 Yrs. MISS ALICE STRONG, 2 Yrs.
MISS PHIDA M. KEITH, 1 Yr.

Town Hall Committee.
FRED E. TROW, BENJAMIN ALDEN, IRVING HORTON.

Town Physician.
ASA MILLET, M. D.

Sexton.
M. L. WEBBER.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1889.

For Support of schools,	$5,800 00		
School incidentals,	250 00		
Text-books and supplies,	400 00		
General repairs on school property,	100 00		
Repairs on High School building,	250 00		
Repairs on Elmwood school building,	250 00		
Repairs on Eastville school building,	100 00		
Disposing of the surplus and waste water at the school houses, where the water is supplied by the Water Company,	100 00		
			$7,250 00
Highways,	$2,500 00		
Bridges and culverts,	500 00		
Sidewalks,	300 00		
Removal of snow,	200 00		
Widening Central street and building bridge,	1,000 00		
Building new road,	250 00		
			4,750 00
Town officers and committees,	$1,100 00		
Support of the poor,	3,000 00		
Police duty and suppression of crime,	100 00		
Incidentals,	500 00		
Public library,	300 00		
Hydrant service,	900 00		
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00		
Fire department,	300 00		
Payment of town note and interest,	750 00		
Setting headstones at the graves of deceased soldiers,	25 00		
Improvement of town lots in Elmwood Cemetery,	25 00		
			7,100 00
			$19,100 00

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS, JAN. 1, 1889.

LIABILITIES.

Note due East Bridgewater Savings Bank, dated Dec. 15, 1888,	$1,000 00
Interest to Dec. 31, 1888,	2 08
Note due New Bedford Institution for Savings, dated April 2, 1888,	5,000 00
Interest from Oct. 2, 1888, to Dec. 31, 1888,	56 25
	$6,058 33

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury,	$2,232 24
Due from State,	723 00
Due from Whitman,	16 81
Due from collector of taxes,	139 12
	$3,111 17

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

STATE AID.

Paid Harriet B. Bates,	$48 00	
Sarah B. Gould,	38 00	
Mary Hudson,	48 00	
Betsey A. Hale,	38 00	
Sarah C. Hudson,	28 00	
Mary E. Swift,	2 00	
Hannah R. Stanley,	12 00	
Thankful O. Trow,	38 00	
Andrew J. Dyer,	15 00	
William A. Dyson,	21 00	
Augustus M. Howe,	18 00	
William L. Morey,	30 00	
Henry A. Osborne,	48 00	
Deborah T. Ryder,	36 00	
Lydia Osborne,	24 00	
		$444 00

MILITARY AID.

Paid Jere M. Hine,	$110 00	
Charles W. Harding,	48 00	
Edward Sharp,	40 00	
William S. Sampson,	60 00	
Hodijah L. Tisdale,	24 00	
Selden M. Washburn,	144 00	
		$426 00

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid Justin Dimick Post, G. A. R.,	$100 00
Appropriation,	100 00
Paid Justin Dimick Post, G. A. R., for headstones for soldiers' graves,	25 00
Appropriation,	25 00
Paid Elmwood Cemetery Corporation for improvement on town lots,	25 00
Appropriation,	25 00

POLICE DUTY AND SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Paid William H. Osborne, attorney,	$18 25	
Benjamin Siddall,	27 00	
E. E. Edson,	5 00	
R. J. Mitchell,	4 25	
		$54 50
Unexpended,		45 50
Appropriation,		$100 00

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, ETC.

Paid Samuel Keith for road commissioners,	$3,356 16
Unexpended,	143 84
Appropriation,	$3,500 00

Paid Samuel Keith for road commissioners for building new road,		$212 93
Unexpended,		37 07
Appropriation,		$250 00
Paid Samuel Keith for road commissioners, toward widening and straightening Central street, and building bridge across the pond near Pleasant street,		$3,338 05
Unexpended appropriation, 1888,	$574 91	
Appropriation, 1889,	1,000 00	
Allowance from County Commissioners,	1,000 00	
		$2,574 91
Excess of appropriations,		$764 14

HYDRANT SERVICE.

Paid Bridgewaters Water Company,	$900 00
Appropriation,	900 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid treasurer and trustees,	$300 00
Appropriation,	300 00

EXPENSE OF DISPOSING OF THE SURPLUS AND WASTE WATER AT THE SCHOOL HOUSES, WHERE WATER IS SUPPLIED BY THE WATER COMPANY.

Paid Keith & Jenkins for drain pipe,	$23 64	
Samuel Keith for labor,	14 90	
Patrick Carroll, for labor,	4 37	
Henry Gurney for labor,	3 00	
L. F. Gammons, material and labor,	14 19	
		$60 10
Unexpended,		39 90
Appropriation,		$100 00

Paid Wyman C. Fickett, school committee,	$248 50	
Wyman C. Fickett, secretary and treasurer of school committee,	25 00	
Wyman C. Fickett for purchasing, care and distribution of school supplies,	25 00	
Wyman C. Fickett for expense obtaining teachers, fares, etc.	9 85	
		308 35
George Hunt, school committee,	$81 25	
George Hunt, car fare, and examining teachers, and desks,	4 80	
		86 05
Leonard Selee, school committee,		15 00
Geo. M. Keith, assessor, selectman and overseer of the poor,	$207 88	
Geo. M. Keith, horse and railroad fare,	17 48	
		225 36
Eliab Latham, assessor, selectman and overseer of the poor,		7 50
Samuel C. White, assessor, selectman and overseer of the poor,		75 00
Henry Gurney, assessor, selectman and overseer of the poor,	$68 25	
Henry Gurney, team and car fare,	4 10	
		72 35
I. N. Nutter, town treasurer,		100 00
Frank Smith, town clerk,	$65 95	
Frank Smith, collector of taxes,	211 59	
Frank Smith, registrar,	15 00	
		292 54
Robert O. Harris, moderator,		3 00
N. F. Dunphe, auditor,		15 00

Paid Robert O. Harris, registrar,		$15 00
Amos Hunting, registrar,		13 75
E. S. Whitmarsh, registrar,		14 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, inspector,		2 50
Lucius R. Churchill, inspector,		2 50
Frank O. Keith, deputy inspector,		2 00
Benjamin Alden, deputy inspector,		2 00
Benjamin Siddall, posting town warrants,	$10 25	
Benjamin Siddall, notifying town officers,	3 00	
Benjamin Siddall, enforcing dog law,	5 00	
		18 25
T. S. H. Rounseville, truant officer, 1888,		7 75
T. S. H. Rounseville, truant officer, 1889,		13 75
M. L. Webber, sexton,	$19 25	
M. L. Webber, teams for school committee,	34 50	
		53 75
		$1,345 40
Appropriation,		1,100 00
Excess,		$245 40

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid G. A. Goodall, printing town reports,	$98 80
Geo. M. Keith, delivering town reports,	7 00
Geo. M. Keith, postage and stationery,	2 65
Geo. H. Ellis, check-book for treasurer,	6 25
Thorp & Adams, record book for clerk,	5 00
Pratt Bros., tax schedules,	5 50

Paid S. L. Seaver, building division fence at hose-house lot, Union street,	$17 72
E. S. Whitmarsh, insurance,	22 50
Benjamin Alden, for town hall committee,	85 00
Patrick Welch, bill for 1887,	1 40
East Bridgewater Savings Bank, rent of room,	150 00
Benjamin Siddall, care of town room,	12 00
Samuel Keith, for paving around drinking fountain, corner Central and Union streets,	7 50
Mark Hudson, damage caused by building bridge and widening road on Bedford street,	20 00
Jarvis Burrell, postal cards, printing, etc.,	23 60
Wales Bros., repairing pumps,	6 00
F. B. Porter, for voting booths,	25 00
O'Neil & Howes, posts and railing for voting place,	10 76
E. O. Noyes, hardware,	1 20
Irving Horton, putting up posts and railing at voting place,	2 00
W. K. Churchill, oil and chimneys for street lamps,	10 70
Amos Hunting, oil and chimneys for street lamps,	18 75
Amos Hunting, street lantern and express,	5 35
Fred L. Brown, repairing drinking fountain,	3 70
I. N. Nutter, administering oaths,	3 00
I. N. Nutter, postage,	1 92
I. N. Nutter, recording deed,	65
Loring Holbrook, return of deaths,	5 75
Wm. H. Tobey, return of death,	25
McCann Bros., return of deaths,	1 00
Chas. L. McCann & Co., return of deaths,	1 00
Harry A. Hunting, care of street lamp,	9 00
Geo. Hunt, M. D., return of births,	4 75

Paid W. K. Churchill, as forest fire ward, for suppressing fire in woods,	$13 13
Dennis Curran, work for board of health,	2 00
	$590 83
Received from C. C. Woodward, one-half cost of building fence at hose-house,	$8 86
	$581 97
Appropriation,	500 00
Excess,	$81 97

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid M. S. Curtis, chief engineer for fire department,	$324 00
Appropriation,	300 00
Excess,	$24 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Abbott T. Hewett,	$12 70
Henry W. Bird,	2 00
Granville C. Allen, trustee,	8 89
Brayton Petroleum Engine Co.,	12 70
Deborah T. Morse,	5 00
Frank Smith, collector, 1888,	2 00
Frank Smith, collector, 1889,	104 00
	$147 29

No appropriation.

TRUST FUNDS.

Latham Fund.

Amount of fund,			$500 00
"	available Jan. 1, 1889,	$37 27	
"	interest during year,	21 95	
			59 22
"	paid out during year,		44 09
"	available Jan. 1, 1890,		$15 13

Alden Fund.

Amount of fund Jan. 1, 1889,			$2,043 50
"	available Jan. 1, 1889,	63 04	
"	interest during year,	89 04	
"	sales during year,	611 25	
			$763 33
"	disbursed,	$85 43	
"	expense of sale,	29 85	
			115 28
Increase of fund,			648 05
Amount of fund Jan. 1, 1890,			$2,691 55

LIST OF JURORS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Granville C. Allen,
Benjamin Alden,
Royal T. Brett,
Charles R. Beals,
Clarence A. Chandler,
Luther Churchill,
Minot S. Curtis,
Wellington Caldwell,
George H. Elwell,
Henry Edson,
Hiram H. Erskine,
Abbott T. Hewitt,
Adam R. Humble,
Francis Hayward,
Henry Hobart,
John Hobart,
G. W. Nelson Joyce,
Herbert C. Keith,
A. Harris Latham,
Fred C. Nutter,
Charles W. Pratt,
F. Wilson Porter,
L. Watts Richards,
William B. Ripley,
George E. Skillings,
Ezra F. Sampson,
George A. Simmons,
Asa Whitman,
George A. Wright,
Frederic P. Whitmarsh,
John M. Whiting,
Walter W. Washburn.

GEO. M. KEITH,
SAMUEL C. WHITE,
HENRY GURNEY,
Selectmen.

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Real estate,		$1,130,717 00
Personal estate,		360,753 00
		$1,491,470 00
Town grant,	$19,100 00	
State tax,	1,600 00	
County tax,	1,897 01	
Overlay,	234 82	
		22,831 83
Deduct estimate from State,		2,200 00
		$20,631 83
Rate of taxation, $12.70 per $1,000.		
State tax on polls, $1, County tax on polls, $1, } $2 each.		
Tax on real estate,	$14,360 10	
Tax on personal estate,	4,581 56	
Tax on 845 polls,	1,690 00	
Gain on fractions,	17	
		$20,631 83
Subsequent assessment of poll,		2 00
Subsequent assessment on real estate,		6 98
Subsequent assessment on personal estate,		63
Total commitment,		$20,641 44

Houses taxed, 632.	Oxen taxed, 20.
Acres of land, 9,930.	Sheep taxed, 18.
Horses taxed, 375.	Swine taxed, 58.
Cows taxed, 433.	Other cattle, 80.

Exemptions granted, 51.

DEPARTMENT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Paid Henry W. Sears, warden,	$425 00
Asa Millet, physician,	93 75
Keith & Jenkins, grain, lumber, etc.,	124 08
Z. A. Jenkins, grain, lumber, etc.,	105 68
Joshua Dean, coal,	57 39
E. N. Ward, meat,	137 66
H. W. Sears, warden, to pay for cattle and work,	307 00
Melzar Waterman, for work,	120 00
M. L. Webber, on exchange of horses,	125 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, clothing,	23 55
Henry Gurney, cooley creamer,	39 71
C. R. & S. B. Cornwell, heat regulators,	4 50
John M. Whiting, mason work,	3 50
Leonard F. Gammons, hardware,	17 95
	$1,584 77
Received from warden from sale of cattle,	107 00
Net expense at almshouse,	$1,477 77

Total number inmates during the year,	9
Number inmates Jan. 1, 1890,	7
Average number inmates during year,	6 3-4
Number tramps lodged and fed during year,	116

INMATES JAN. 1, 1890.

Name.	Age.	Admitted.
Lewis Wright,	89	1878
Sybil P. Dunbar,		1879
Rebecca Cummings,	76	1884
Thomas Griggs,	66	1886
Martin F. Keene,	72	1888
George Osborne,		1889
Robert Washburn,	35	1889

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1889,		$57 41	
Received from sale of hay,		124 45	
"	team work,	241 19	
"	sale of cow,	35 00	
"	exchange of cows,	10 00	
"	service of bull,	5 00	
"	sale of oxen,	115 00	
"	sale of cart,	15 00	
"	sale of hog,	28 19	
"	sale of milk,	5 00	
"	sale of eggs,	2 00	
"	Lewis Wright,	1 06	
"	town treasurer,	307 00	
			$946 30

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Paid for groceries,	$296 18	
" meat,	8 42	
" fish,	25 57	
" fruit and vegetables,	7 75	
" bread,	5 45	
" clothing,	19 26	
" soap,	1 60	
" dentist,	2 00	
" medicine,	1 70	
" labor,	129 09	
" ice,	10 25	
" stove and furniture,	16 25	
" oxen,	107 00	
" cows,	65 00	
" bull,	25 00	
" pigs,	11 00	
" butchering,	6 00	
" fertilizers,	9 00	
" tools and repairs,	2 20	
" sundries,	17 20	
" Joshua Sturtevant, for balance on account,	19 53	
" Joshua Sturtevant, Jr., for balance on account,	14 00	
" town treasurer,	107 00	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1890,	39 84	
		$946 30

OUTSIDE POOR.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of N. S. Bouldry,		$169 46
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Clara Washburn,		169 46
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Robert Washburn,		99 61
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of Ellen F. Edson,		80 32
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of George E. Morey,		62 67
F. C. Nutter, clothing for George E. Morey,		5 30
City of Lynn, aid to Ann Connor,		7 40
City of Brockton, aid to Theodore A. Bumper,		130 28
City of Taunton, aid to Alice Cavanaugh,		4 00
City of Lowell, aid to Catherine Quinn,		15 00
Town of Natick, aid to Hatch family,		139 00
Town of Weymouth, aid to Jas. H. Caffary and family,		199 16
Huram Wade, aid to Mrs. J. L. Coulter,		53 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, aid to O'Brien Quigley,		9 50
Jas. H. Hill, aid to C. Frank McGlathrey,		30 00
W. K. Churchill, aid to Alonzo S. Hathaway,		6 00
Geo. Hunt, M. D., aid to Frank Alden,		21 50
Amos Hunting, aid to Mrs. Chadwick,		51 92
Amos Hunting,	$23 07	
John Hobart,	8 50	
aid to William F. Putman,		31 57
John Hobart,	7 00	
Joshua Dean,	10 88	
Estate of Jacob Folsom,	60 00	
aid to Mrs. Barrows,		77 88
Gross amount for outside poor,		$1,363 03

Received from Bridgewater, aid to Frank Alden,	$21 50	
Received from Holbrook, aid to W. F. Putman and family,	31 57	
Received from Whitman,	10 76	
Due from State for aid to Jas. H. Caffary,	87 00	
		150 83
Net expense of outside poor,		$1,212 20
Net expense at almshouse,		1,477 77
Total expense, net,		$2,689 97
Unexpended,		310 03
Appropriation,		$3,000 00

GEO. M. KEITH,
SAMUEL C. WHITE,
HENRY GURNEY,
Overseers of the Poor.

SUMMARY.

AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN.

For State aid,	$444 00
Military aid,	426 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
Head-stones at soldiers' graves,	25 00
Improvement of town lots in Elmwood cemetery,	25 00
Police duty,	54 50
Road commissioners,	6,907 14
Trustees of public library,	300 00
Hydrant service,	900 00
Disposing of surplus and waste water at school houses,	60 10
Town officers and committees,	1,345 40
Incidental expenses,	590 83
Fire department,	324 00
Abatement of taxes,	147 29
Support of poor at almshouse,	1,584 77
Support of poor outside almshouse,	1,363 03
	$14,597 06

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

Liabilities.

Note due New Bedford Institution for Savings, dated April 2, 1888,	$4,500 00
Interest from Oct. 2, 1889, to Dec. 31, 1889,	50 62
Note due East Bridgewater Savings Bank,	1,000 00
	$5,550 62

Assets.

Cash in treasury,	$1,424 90
Due from State for State aid,	444 00
Due from State for military aid,	213 00
Due from State for pauper aid,	87 00
Due from collector of taxes,	75 47
	$2,244 37

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1890.

For Highways,	$3,500 00
Bridges and culverts,	500 00
Sidewalks,	300 00
Removal of snow,	100 00
Town officers and committees,	1,500 00
Support of poor,	3,000 00
Police duty and suppression of crime,	100 00
Incidentals,	500 00
Public library,	300 00
Hydrant service,	900 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
Fire department,	100 00
Payment of town note and interest,	700 00

GEO. M. KEITH,
SAMUEL C. WHITE,
HENRY GURNEY,
Selectmen.

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Overseers of the Poor of East Bridgewater:

GENTLEMEN, — Since my last report we have had little change in the almshouse and there has been little sickness. The inmates have almost entirely escaped the prevailing influenza of the past winter. The past five weeks Mr. Wright has been failing and will not probably remain long. The same female inmates remain, except Mrs. Edson, who became so difficult to manage that it was thought best to send her to the hospital, and possibly get one of the other inmates belonging to this town to take her place here. Application was made to Probate Court, and Mrs. Edson was committed to Taunton Lunatic Hospital July 12, 1889, and Robert Washburn was permitted to be taken to the almshouse on consideration that he should be returned within sixty days if he could not be well cared for there. He has remained with us since that time quietly and free from the violent attacks which he had before he was committed to the hospital; but I cannot regard this conduct of Robert Washburn as evidence that a poorhouse is the proper place to keep the insane, and it is to be hoped that the day is not far distant when the Commonwealth will provide places for all such unfortunates. If the law cannot prevent the constantly increasing hereditary insane it should certainly provide for their care and safe keeping.

Mrs. Cummings and Miss Dunbar are all the female inmates there are in the house at the present time, and both are as comfortable and happy as their circumstances will permit.

The male inmates are Martin J. Keene, Thomas Griggs, George Osborn, and Robert Washburn. Mr. Keene is too

old and infirm to be able to take care of himself; Mr. Griggs and Mr. Osborn (if there was any work for which they were suited), might earn their board. Robert Washburn is hopelessly insane from hereditary causes. He is naturally of a kind disposition and harmless, but subject to such fits of melancholy and excitement as to render him an unsafe companion in a house where there are old and feeble persons. It was not without a good deal of hesitation that I consented to ask Dr. Brown to allow him to be taken from the hospital, even with permission to return in a short time. You will, therefore, allow me to say that, in my opinion, the town should not, for the paltry sum of less than $200 per year, allow our almshouse to be compelled to keep any insane person. *Our house*, the place to which we are all liable to go when misfortune overtakes us, should not be incumbered by any such inmates; and, besides, the neglect of care that we are doing the insane in keeping them from hospitals, is a great wrong to those most unfortunate of human beings. Our warden and matron have my thanks for the care and kindness they continue to exercise toward the persons committed to their charge.

Respectfully submitted,

ASA MILLET.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

Paid the following persons for labor and material on highway, bridges and sidewalks: —

Fred E. Ames,	$13 75
Ames Plow Co.,	20 44
Jacob Atwood,	6 50
Alger's Express,	1 95
P. Barrett,	199 50
C. E. Brown,	54 00
East Bridgewater Iron Co.,	3 80
John Burgess,	8 76
W. L. Benson,	51 50
R. Beals,	6 12
E. Bird,	11 90
Otis Bisby,	4 00
Dennis Curran,	319 46
G. L. Chamberlain,	273 36
E. L. Clark,	35 10
Con. Clarity,	28 52
Geo. Cogswell,	9 75
B. Curran,	28 50
J. Cunningham,	10 50
M. S. Curtis,	2 25
Andy Dwyer,	9 45
M. Day Co.,	147 20
Wm. Dyson,	5 01
P. Elmond,	51 10
J. E. Eagen,	14 00
D. F. Edson,	4 10

I. Fuller,	$10 83
Wm. Green,	44 39
Henry Gurney,	111 35
D. W. Gurney,	20 44
D. Garey,	4 71
M. Hennessy,	67 61
L. Harden,	54 10
F. Hayward,	76 30
J. B. Harden,	2 50
M. P. Hudson,	3 00
S. Harlow,	1 50
H. Harding,	15 39
A. Humble,	22 40
L. Hayward,	87
H. Hathaway.	3 00
Mrs. J. Howland,	4 08
J. Brooks Harding,	49 07
Wm. M. Judkins,	2 80
Keith & Jenkins,	26 51
Z. A. Jenkins,	11 51
Saml. Keith,	174 50
H. C. Keith,	27 57
Wm. F. Keene,	39 60
J. W. Loucraft,	30 00
Keith & Latham,	25 10
A. S. Lyon,	14 03
P. Luddy,	71 39
J. W. Latham,	138 82
Eliab Latham,	104 88
A. H. Latham,	44 25
Tim Murphy,	49 74
Jas. Mahoney,	16 27
Jos. Mitchell,	2 62

S. R. McKenzie,	$16 40
I. N. Nutter,	6 65
F. C. Nutter,	11 00
T. O'Brien,	125 15
N. Perkins,	8 10
M. Parris,	1 20
O. Pratt,	1 56
L. Pratt,	16 26
Jas. Roach,	206 78
O. C. Railroad,	16 17
J. Sturtevant,	77 65
C. W. Siddall,	5 20
W. G. Smelly,	7 11
J. H. Scribner,	1 50
H. W. Sears,	66 50
Simon Shean,	10 50
Chas. Thrasher,	32 90
Geo. Tyler,	8 00
G. Willis,	12 15
M. L. Webber,	25 25
Jas. Wixon,	14 10
C. W. Wixon,	13 35
Frank Winn,	3 00
P. Welsh,	90 80
C. S. Whitman,	6 13
Estate of L. F. Gammons,	2 49
L. P. Noyes,	79
	$3,378 11

Of the following amount the following sums have been paid on bridges and culverts:

Piper's bridge,		$117 75
Latham's bridge,		20 50
One of Shaw's bridges,		21 00
Clark's bridge,		10 00
Dry bridge on turnpike,		51 50
Culvert near D. Desmond's,		35 00
Culvert in Central Square,		15 00
Culvert near Mrs. J. Lane's,		6 50
Culvert on Elmwood Hill, drain pipe,	$147 20	
R. R. ft.,	16 17	
Team work,	18 08	
Labor,	47 77	
		229 22
Other small culverts,		13 75
		$520 22
Of the above amount there has been paid for building and repairing sidewalks,		$300 95
Appropriation for highways,		$2,500 00
Expended,	$2,556 94	
Labor on drinking fountain and drains for school houses,	31 45	
		2,525 49
Over appropriation,		$25 49
Appropriation for bridges and culverts,		$500 00
Expended,		520 22
Over appropriation,		$20 22

Appropriation for sidewalks,	$300 00
Expended,	300 95
Over appropriation,	. 95
Appropriation for removing snow,	$200 00
Expended,	9 50
Less appropriation	$190 50

Paid for removing snow from sidewalks:

E. L. Clark,	$1 50
J. S. Eastman,	1 20
J. Brooks Harding,	1 60
Luther Harden,	1 20
Bishop Brothers for snow shovels,	4 00
	9 50

Paid the following persons for labor and material on new road near Loucraft's:

P. Barrett,	$9 36
Thomas O'Brien,	6 39
C. E. Brown,	6 12
Edmund Bird,	1 58
D. Curran,	11 25
G. L. Chamberlain,	13 94
Bartley Curran,	9 75
Peter Elmond,	3 15
Samuel Hoyt,	6 87
Mrs. J. Howland,	14 94
Samuel Keith,	12 50
P. Luddy,	6 39

J. W. Latham,	$11 75
Jos. Loucraft,	42 00
James Roach,	30 75
H. W. Sears,	5 25
P. Welsh,	20 94
	$212 93
Paid from above for building culvert, $29.89.	
Appropriation,	$250 00
Less appropriation,	$37 07

Paid the following persons for labor and material on new stone arch bridge on Central Street, near Wm. Vinton's:

Thomas O'Brien,	$47 86
Patrick Luddy,	52 06
James Roach,	98 63
Dennis Curran,	83 30
G. L. Chamberlain,	64 92
Patrick Welsh,	100 38
Michael Hennessy,	19 25
Patrick Barrett,	48 74
Michael Winn,	6 25
E. L. Clark,	18 25
J. E. Eagan,	32 29
G. L. French,	12 69
Andrew Dwyer,	14 45
M. L. Webber,	18 00
C. C. Gin Co.,	4 85
Patrick Carroll,	7 00
Daniel Nash,	1 50
W. G. Smelley,	78 00
C. E. Brown,	92 76

Peter Elmond,	$9 19
Samuel Keith,	79 95
H. W. Sears,	43 75
John Burgess,	7 74
Wm. Vinton,	3 00
S. L. Seaver,	14 31
Z. A. Jenkins,	10 10
John Davenport,	4 37
C. W. Siddall,	50
Est. of L. F. Gammons,	1 50
Berlin Bridge Co., for use of derrick and labor on old bridge,	12 46
Berlin Bridge Co. as per contract,	2,350 00
	$3,338 05
Paid in 1888 as reported,	428 09
Total expense of bridge,	$3,766 14

Received Selectmen's orders in full for all the above expenditures.

SAMUEL KEITH,
J. W. LATHAM,
G. L. CHAMBERLAIN,
Road Commissioners.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. Nutter, *Town Treasurer*,

In account with the town of East Bridgewater.

1889.		Dr.	
Feb.	2.	Balance as per previous report,	$2,232 24
	5.	Town of Whitman, military aid,	16 81
	28.	School committee, amount overpaid refunded,	1 00
March	8.	Frank Smith, collector, account tax of 1888,	121 97
	9.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed of,	3,000 00
	13.	State treasurer, corporation tax,	73 38
	13.	State treasurer, national bank tax,	6 96
April	15.	Town of Holbrook, aid to W. F. Putnam and wife,	27 32
	25.	Frank Smith, for license of sixth class,	1 00
May	1.	Ed. E. Edson, for pool table license,	2 00
	4.	Isadas Fuller, treasurer of town hall committee,	211 53
	6.	George W. Holmes for pool table license,	2 00
	7.	State treasurer, borrowed of,	3,000 00
	13.	Town of Holbrook, aid to Mrs. W. F. Putnam,	4 25
	23.	Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Co., dividend on policies,	13 50
	31.	H. T. Marshall, mortgagee, release real estate taxed to Reed Bros.,	37 44

June	22.	State treasurer, borrowed of,	$3,000 00
July	26.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest,	4 23
Aug.	17.	Frank Smith, collector, bal. account tax of 1888,	20 17
Oct.	15.	Cyrus C. Woodward, one-half cost of fence near hose house,	8 86
	18.	Warden of almshouse,	107 00
Nov.	16.	J. M. Loucraft, pool table license,	2 00
Dec.	10.	State treasurer, corporation tax,	1,555 56
	10.	State treasurer, national bank tax,	843 40
	10.	State treasurer, state aid,	723 00
	21.	Bridgewaters Water Co., work done by road commissioners,	25 95
1890.			
January	1.	County of Plymouth, towards construction of highway and bridge, Central street,	1,000 00
	16.	County treasurer, dog tax refunded,	412 63
	22.	Town of Whitman, state aid,	10 76
	25.	State treasurer, income Mass. school fund,	167 67
Feb.	5.	Isadas Fuller, treasurer town hall committee,	21 55
	5.	Frank Smith, collector, on account tax of 1889,	20,645 89
			$37,300 07

1889.		Cr.	
March	8.	Frank Smith, collector, deed of real estate sold for taxes of 1888,	$36 80
	9.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note,	1,000 00

March	9.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest,	$11 67
	25.	New Bedford Institution for Savings, on note,	500 00
	25.	New Bedford Institution for Savings, interest,	112 50
April	25.	State treasurer, one-fourth of license fee,	25
Sept.	18.	Town of Hanson, tax,	22
	21.	New Bedford Institution for Savings, interest,	101 25
Oct.	1.	State treasurer, two notes, $3,000 each,	6,000 00
	1.	State treasurer, interest,	71 74
	21.	County treasurer, county tax, 1889,	1,897 01
Dec.	10.	State treasurer, state tax, 1889,	1,600 00
	21.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest,	97 33
1890			
Feb.	1.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, on note,	2,000 00
	1.	Tax of 1889 on real estate held by town for non-payment of taxes,	3 18
		Orders drawn by selectmen,	14,597 06
		Orders drawn by school committee,	7,846 16
			$35,875 17
Cash on hand,			1,424 90
			$37,300 07

I. N. NUTTER,
Town Treasurer.

East Bridgewater, Feb. 5, 1890.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

1889.				
Jan.	1.	Balance of amount allowed department by law,		$39 75
April	1.	Paid L. F. Gammons, stock and labor,	$5 22	
"	1.	Paid B. T. Baker, repairs on buckets,	3 00	
"	19.	Paid T. S. H. Rounseville, care of house,	5 00	
"	19.	Paid S. A. Lusarder, care of house,	4 35	
"	19.	Paid J. Dean, coal,	3 50	
"	19.	Paid W. L. Benson, coal,	3 63	
"	19.	Paid W. K. Churchill, street lamp, etc.,	6 10	
"	19.	Paid W. K. Churchill, step-ladder,	1 50	
				32 30
Unexpended,				$7 45
1889.		Appropriation,		$300 00
Mar.	18.	Paid East Bridgewater Fire Co., furniture,	$100 00	
"	18.	Paid Elmwood Co., furniture,	100 95	
July	18.	Paid M. S. Curtis, labor and stock,	3 45	
"	18.	Paid C. W. Siddall, repairs on truck,	7 50	
Aug.	29.	Paid Boston Woven Hose Co., repairs on hose,	2 50	
"	29.	Paid F. C. Nutter, lock and keys,	10 26	

Oct.	5.	Paid W. E. Bonney, labor and stock,	$5 94	
"	5.	Paid H. Leonard, labor and stock,	5 50	
Dec.	13.	Paid T. S. H. Rounseville, cleaning house,	7 00	
"	13.	Paid Boston Woven Hose Co., hose, brushes, hangers, etc.,	9 00	
"	20.	Paid S. A. Luzarder, janitor service to Dec. 1,	14 25	
"	24.	Paid T. S. H. Rounseville, janitor service to Jan. 1,	12 00	
"	24.	Paid Joshua Dean, coal,	3 63	
"	24.	Paid Alger & Co., express,	50	
"	24.	Paid Boston Woven Hose Co., lantern globes, etc.,	9 22	
				$291 70
Unexpended,				$8 30

The apparatus and buildings of the department are in good condition and the hydrants ready for service, except the one near J. S. Allen's, which does not work as it should, and we would advise the town to call on the Water Company to put it in better condition.

We would recommend that the sum of $100 be appropriated for a bell or gong to be placed in the Elmwood house. Acting as forest firewards, we have been called upon to extinguish one forest fire.

MINOT S. CURTIS, *Chief.*
W. K. CHURCHILL,
CHARLES E. FIELD,
F. C. NUTTER,
JOSHUA DEAN,
Assistants.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

At the annual town meeting held on the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, the voters of the town, in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 304, Acts of 1888, chose six trustees as follows :

Mr. I. N. Nutter and Mrs. Mary T. Hobart for three years; Mr. A. B. Parker and Miss Alice Strong for 2 years; Mr. Wm. H. Taylor and Miss Phida M. Keith for 1 year. By vote of the board Mr. A. B. Parker was chosen chairman, and Mr. I. N. Nutter, Secretary.

The trustees are pleased to announce that the new catalogue has been prepared and the copies ordered have been recently received from the printer.

The preparation of the catalogue required much time and labor on the part of the librarian, and the thorough manner in which the work has been done is an indication of the faithfulness of the librarian.

During the year one hundred and eighty-one volumes have been added to the library, eighty-seven were donated and ninety-four purchased.

Forty of those donated being in paper covers, it was thought best not to include them in the catalogue. A list is posted in the library and will be found to contain many popular works of fiction.

Hon. Elijah A. Morse, M. C., has presented eighteen volumes, several of them of great value, and he also supplies the library

during his term with the Congressional Record, which contains the full proceedings of each house of Congress.

Mr. Isaac S. Whitman, of Bangor, Me., has as in former years given the annual volume of the American Cyclopedia, and this year supplements it with a copy of "The Descendants of John Whitman, of Weymouth." In this connection it is our sad duty to state that Mr. Whitman passed from earth in Dec. last at the ripe age of 84 years.

He was born in this town in 1805, and was a son of Capt. Isaac Whitman. He never lost his interest in his native town and besides his gifts to the library, he placed a sum in the custody of the trustees of the central cemetery, the income to be used in caring for the lot in which his parents were interred.

The usual reports and journals have been received from the General Government at Washington.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth has also furnished the reports to which all public libraries are entitled.

The following magazines are provided each month for use of the patrons of the library, viz: "Atlantic," "Century" and "Harper's."

The "Unitarian Review," "Lend a Hand," and "Patent Office Gazette," are furnished gratuitously.

The classification of the books has been accomplished and all books have been renumbered. This could not be done in as satisfactory a manner as was desired, owing to the books being kept in circulation.

The library was open on one hundred and forty-seven days.

Number of books given out from Jan. 1, 1889, to Jan. 1, 1890,	6,647
An increase over the previous year of	267
Largest number on any day, March 19,	89

Smallest number on any day, September 2,	14
Average number,	45.21
Cards have been issued to eighty-four new patrons.	
Number of volumes in library,	1,716

Before placing this our first annual report in the hands of the printer, the trustees desire to mention the loss which they have sustained in the decease, on Feb. 3d, of Miss Phidelma M. Keith, who had proved a faithful and efficient member of the board. Having served several years as committee before the library was placed in charge of trustees, she had by experience become fitted for greater usefulness had her life been spared.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1889:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand,	$72 11
Appropriation by the town,	300 00
Cash of librarian fines collected,	26 47
	$398 58

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for books purchased,	$127 53
Magazines purchased,	7 60
R. Burlen, binding books,	12 20
Express and freight,	3 41
Insurance,	7 50
Lucie L. Siddall, librarian,	100 00
J. Burrill, printing,	7 75
F. C. Nutter, supplies,	2 20

Paid Wm. L. Puffer, on account printing catalogues,	$125 00
Incidentals,	2 01
M. S. Curtis, painting shelves,	2 68
	$397 88
Cash on hand,	70
	$398 58

A. B. PARKER, *Chairman.*
I. N. NUTTER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

FRANK SMITH, *Collector*,

In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

To amount of taxes of 1888 uncollected,	$139 12
" interest collected,	3 02
	$142 14

CR.

By amount paid treasurer,	$142 14

1889. DR.

To amount committed,	$20,641 44
" interest collected,	79 92
	$20,721 36

CR.

By amount paid treasurer,	$20,645 89
" uncollected,	75 47
	$20,721 36

FRANK SMITH,
Collector.

FEB. 1, 1890.

REPORT OF THE TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

FROM JAN. 1, 1889, TO MARCH 19, 1889.

RECEIPTS.

1889.			
January	1.	Cash on hand,	$211 53
		High School re-union, Dec. 27, 1888,	8 00
	18.	J. Lyons, dance,	10 00
Feb	12.	St. John's Church,	5 00
	13.	St. John's Church,	5 00
	14.	St. John's Church,	5 00
	15.	St. John's Church,	5 00
	16.	St. John's Church,	5 00
	21.	F. E. Fuller, dance,	8 00
March	1.	J. Lyons, dance,	8 00
	12.	G. C. Allen, dance,	8 00
	19.	Temperance meeting,	3 00
			$281 53

EXPENDITURES.

1889.			
Feb.	1.	Isadas Fuller, janitor,	$4 00
	1.	A. Hunting,	40
March	1.	Isadas Fuller, janitor,	12 50
	1.	Washing hall,	7 00
	18.	J. Dean, coal,	7 00
	19.	Isadas Fuller, janitor,	9 25
	19.	Washing hall,	3 00
	19.	Fourteen table legs, stock and labor,	2 80
	19.	Isadas Fuller, secretary and treasurer,	2 50
		Cash paid town treasurer,	233 08
			$281 53

ISADAS FULLER, *Treasurer.*

FROM APRIL 1, 1889, TO JAN. 1, 1890.

RECEIPTS.

1889.			
April	2.	Knights of Honor,	$8 00
	2.	Temperance meeting,	3 00
May	1–2.	Unitarian Society,	12 00
	3.	T. Luddy,	10 00
	3.	Order from selectmen,	85 00
	6.	Justin Dimick Post,	5 00
Aug.	25–29.	Prof. Starr,	16 00
Sept.	27.	John Lyons,	10 00
Oct.	8.	Elmwood Band,	8 00
Nov.	6.	Knights of Honor,	5 00
	27–28.	Unitarian Society,	12 00
	29.	P. Morey,	10 00
Dec.	13.	Knights of Honor,	8 00
	26.	High School re-union,	8 00
	31.	P. Morey	10 00
			$210 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Kate Winn,	$4 00
Kate Barrett,	6 25
Mrs. Dwyre,	4 00
A. Hunting,	2 75
M. Sumner,	5 70
M. S. Curtis,	30 00
I. Horton,	10 55
L. F. Gammons (old account),	8 40
L. F. Gammons,	27 02
Mrs. Cook,	3 00
Keith & Jenkins,	2 30

Paid Kate Winn,	$2 25
E. Whitman,	2 50
B. F. Edson,	1 50
A. K. Benson,	1 50
F. C. Nutter,	5 22
E. L. Clark,	1 50
A. G. Waterman,	3 35
Keith & Jenkins,	1 00
I. Horton,	2 75
Mrs. Gammons,	6 85
Frank Smith,	1 30
A. G. Waterman,	1 20
T. S. H. Rounseville, janitor and labor,	55 50
J. Dean,	1 00
Benj. Alden, secretary and treasurer,	7 50
Cash on hand,	11 11
	$210 00

F. E. TROW,
IRVING HORTON,
BENJ. ALDEN,
Town Hall Committee.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

Thirty-two marriages have been recorded during the year 1889.

Date 1889.	Names of Groom and Bride, and Residence.
Feb. 9.	Fred W. Cook, of Whitman, and Florence A. Wright, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
10.	Edward L. Conroy, of Whitman, and Mary Flarity, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.
21.	Chester Thayer, of West Bridgewater, and Cora A. Thomas, of Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Mar. 2.	Walter B. Ryder and Alice J. Hudson, both of Brockton. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
4.	John O'Brien, of East Bridgewater, and Annie Flynn, of Boston. By Rev. W. E. Kelly.
10.	William N. Kidder and Lottie M. Ransden, both of Boston. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
16.	Ambrose Turner, of Whitman, and Winnie J. Murray, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Mar. 20.	Edgar R. Sampson and Lillian M. Phinney, both of Whitman. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
31.	Napoleon Thibeault and Margaret Robinson, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelly.

April 4. Fred W. Churchill and Lizzie A. Cole, both of Whitman. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

May 13. Peter Durant and Aldea Lahais, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.

29. Burton Cogswell and Kate M. Fisher, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. A. J. Cogswell.

June 11. Charles H. Sample and Matilda O'Donnell, both of Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

15. Eleazer P. Pratt and Clara A. Johnson, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. N. Geisler.

17. Henry B. Vaughan, of East Bridgewater, and Sophronia Josselyn, of Brockton. By Rev. Geo. B. Lawton.

20. Horace C. Burgess and Alice Horton, both of Fall River. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

29. Louis Paul and Angel Tiroux, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.

27. James Brandley and Bridget M. Duane, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelly.

July 2. Henry W. Bates, of Whitman, and Frances H. Kingman, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

8. Quincy C. Bird, of East Bridgewater, and Emma F. Berry, of Reading. By. Rev. D. C. Stearns.

23. Michael McCarty and Margaret Shehan, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelly.

Aug. 31. Henry M. Holmes, of East Bridgewater, and Nancy Eaton, of West Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

Sept. 5. Roger Carr, of East Bridgewater, and Catherine Conway, of Bridgewater. By Rev. W. E. Kelly.

Sept. 5. John F. Fisher and Ruth E. Tower, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. N. Geisler.

24. Charles R. Ransden and Carlotta E. Fuller, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John Oldham.

29. George T. Holmes, of Bridgewater, and Flavilla F. Benson, of Lynn. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

29. George Packard and Winnie S. Bates, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Samuel Bell.

Oct. 10. Charles E. Bassett, of Foxboro, and Emma L. Howe, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.

30. Fred Carloe and Angelina Simard, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.

Nov. 20. Joseph Little and Albana Duprey, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. H. Riley.

Dec. 19. William M. Jones, of Brockton, and Ellen F. Osborne, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. N. Geisler.

24. Henry A. Damon and Isabel D. McKenzie, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. F. Rapson.

FRANK SMITH,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1889.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Parents' Names.
1889.		
Jan. 13	Howard Smith Lowell	Charles H. and Evelyn B.
" 28	Hattie Lee Sampson	Elmer and Jennie.
" 28	Willie Dean	——— and Alice M.
" 29	Miriam Keith Jenkins	Zenas A. and Ada F.
Feb. 7	Ina May Dyson	Wm. A., Jr., and Nettie L.
" 20	John Barclay Adam	John and Mary.
Mar. 6	Nelson Crowell Scribner	Sabin N. and Sarah.
" 7	Francis Earle Wilcox	George N. and Eusebia.
" 11	Chester Forrest Bunker	Theodore E. and Annie.
" 15	Bertrand Alvin Blanchard	Wm. H. and Lillian J.
" 17	Mary Alice Pendergrast	James and Sarah.
" 29	Ralph Perkins	Thomas H. and Jennie E.
Apr. 9	Elide Mondeau	Narcisse and Adeline.
" 12	George Thomas Burke	Michael and Ellen.
" 15	Sarah Burnham Chandler	Frank B. and Sarah D.
" 18	Cavanaugh	David and Alice.
" 18	Boutin	Adelard and Octavie.
" 29	Marjorie Louise Keith	Frank O. and Alice M.
May 1	Armeodose Boucher	Calix and Louise.
" 3	Royston Ellsworth Sabeau	Handley C. and Ella P.
" 7	Everett Thomas Waters	Benjamin E. and Emma J.
" 17	James Dillion	James and Annie.
" 22	Edward Harry Shute	Edward and Lucy J.
" 28	Arthur Barker Curtis	Lucius J. and Rosa C.
June 13	Clarence Eugene Ramsdell	Wm. G. and Ella A.
" 15	Alfred Nelson Howe	Charles N. and Hannah T.
" 20	George Wendell Holmes	George W. and Alice.
" 22	Roy Adams Wood,	Albert S. and Hannah D.
" 26	Marion Clifton Hoyt	Harry N. and Eva F.
July 2	Arthur Joseph Shepard	John B. and Julia.
" 7	Ellen Geary	Daniel and Mary.
" 20	Florence Eliza Chamberlain	George L. and Etta M.
" 21	Nellie May Johnson.	Ulysses G. and Annie A.
" 22	Emily Forrest Bonney	Willard E. and Cordelia.
" 24	David Leary	William H. and Mary A.
Aug. 22	Ellen Roach Curley.	Patrick N. and Ellen.
Sept. 9	Amy Grace Ramsdell	Aaron E. and Anna.
" 16	Eorline Leonard Smith	George H. and Matilda.
Nov. 18	William Edward Swift	Michael and Ellen.
" 23	Mary Sullivan	John and Mary.
" 23	Harold Eugene Keith	Eugene F. and Ellen M.
Dec. 12	Olive Frances Safford	Eben C. and Olive R.
" 15	Sturtevant	Joshua, Jr., and May.
" 18	Francis Edgar Doody	Bartholomew J. and Hannah.
" 19	Thomas O'Brien	John T. and Annie.
" 25	Thaddeus Edward Bouldry	Thaddeus M. and Mary E.
1888.		
Sept. 30	Howard Martin Richards	John M. and Sadie H.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1889.

Date of Death.	Name.	Age.			Disease or Cause of Death.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1889.					
Jan. 15	Lucinda P. Benson	34	7	1	Childbirth.
Feb. 4	Arthur Garven		4		Convulsions.
" 4	Lucius Bonney	80	5	20	Brights Disease.
" 7	Lucia K. Rogers	83	7	27	Pneumonia.
" 16	Jabez H. Sturtevant	67	3	8	Heart Disease.
" 27	Eliza Fuller	76	9	23	Senile Decay.
March 1	Lewis P. Raymond	77	5		Phthisis.
" 2	Eleazer Keith	80			Old Age.
" 2	John B. Brown	70	6	16	Old Age.
" 3	Chester O. Sampson	21	1	20	Oedema of Lungs.
" 4	Emmidie J. Roy	5	3		Hydrocephalus.
" 7	Rosa Durant	6	2	11	Diphtheria.
April 8	Mary T. Smith	87		3	Old Age.
" 20	Levi C. Wright	85	2	20	Old Age.
" 29	Samuel R. Newhall	77	9	16	Apoplexy.
May 6	Annie Johnson	24			Dropsy.
" 11	(Not named) Bates		2	19	Marasmus.
" 16	Rowena W. Bennett	79	6		Paralysis of the Heart.
June 3	Edward O. Sharpe	60	3		Heart Disease.
" 30	Luther Churchill	84	2	13	Cerebral Hemorrhage.
July 22	Susan L. Cushman	72	1	17	Apoplecti f'm Paralysis.
Aug. 4	Marcus M. Howe	24		6	Accidental Drowning.
" 8	Marjorie L. Keith		3	10	Gastritis.
" 17	George T. Burke		4	5	Cholera Infantum.
" 18	Marcella Crowley		6		Cholera Infantum.
" 22	Leonard F. Gammons	43	7	7	Abscess of Liver.
" 22	Albert Duval		10		Cholera Infantum.
" 24	Patrick Qumlan	17	5	7	Typhoid Fever.
" 27	Frank H. Whitman	21	1	9	Typhoid Fever.
Sept. 8	J. Evelyn Selee	19		15	Phthisis.
" 16	Isaac K. Lyon	61	6	13	Angina Pectoris.
" 27	John Sheahan		9	2	Convulsions.
Oct. 7	Kate H. Strong	57	1	28	Brights Disease.
" 8	Simeon G. Whitmarsh	77	1		Chronic Prostatitis.
" 16	James R. Carroll	16		26	Phthisis.
" 16	Ellen M. Dorey	34	1		Convulsions.
" 20	Mark P. Hudson	65	6	12	Mitral Insufficiency.
Nov. 8	Helen Hunt	1	8	27	Convulsions.
" 19	Rebecca P. Sampson	55		17	Brights Disease.
" 22	Wales Rogers	64	1		Consumption.
" 23	Mary Whitmarsh	91	3	21	Old Age.
" 24	Margaret Sturtevant	58	8	7	Pneumonia.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1889.—*Continued.*

Date of Death.	Name.	Age.			Disease or Cause of Death.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1889.					
Nov. 26	David Fales	81	5	4	Cerebral Softening.
Dec. 5	Walter H. Severance .	2	10	4	Strangulation.
" 14	Ellen Geary		5	14	Dentition.
" 14	Maria D. Robinson . .	89	11	19	Erysipelas.
" 24	Stetson Chandler . .	98		24	Congestion of Brain.
" 27	Sidney G. Smith . . .		4		Marasmus,

Whole number of deaths, 48.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To the Tax Payers of East Bridgewater:

GENTLEMEN:—As Auditor I have the honor to submit the following report, having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, etc., School Committee, Treasurer and Collector, whose books and vouchers were presented in their usual excellent condition:—

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on treasurer,	$14,597 06
Amount of orders paid by treasurer,	14,597 06

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on treasurer,	$7,846 16
Amount of orders paid by treasurer,	7,846 16

TREASURER.

Amount received during the year,	$37,300 07
Amount paid out during the year,	35,875 17
Cash on hand,	$1,424 90

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection,	$20,641 44
Interest,	79 92
	$20,721 36
Amount paid to treasurer,	20,645 89
Uncollected taxes,	$75 47

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT AT ALMSHOUSE.

Amount on hand Dec. 31, 1888, and received during the year ending Dec. 31, 1889,	$976 30
Amount paid out during the year ending Dec. 31, 1889,	936 46
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1890,	$39 84

Total valuation, $1,491,470.

Rate assessed, $12.70 per $1,000.

N. F. DUNPHE,
Auditor.

TOWN MEETING.

The annual town meeting will be held on Monday, the third day of March next, at 1 o'clock, P. M., at which the following articles will be acted upon :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To hear and act upon the reports of town officers and committees.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to pay all town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 6. To adopt some method for the collection of taxes.

ART. 7. To act upon a list of jurors as proposed by the selectmen.

ART. 8. To vote upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 9. To see what action the town will take upon a communication received from Jacob H. Crossman, of Washington, D. C.

ART. 10. To see if the town will provide two thousand additional feet of hose, similar to that now owned by the town, and an additional hose truck or carriage for the especial use of those inhabitants residing near Satucket Railroad Station, and to raise and appropriate the necessary amount of money therefor. (By request.)

GEO. M. KEITH,
SAMUEL C. WHITE,
HENRY GURNEY,

Selectmen.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1889=90.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In compliance with the laws of the State, the school committee herewith present their annual report:

At the Annual Town Meeting held March 4, 1889, Wyman C. Fickett was re-elected a member of the committee for three years. No change in the previous organization of the committee was made — Dr. George Hunt being re-elected chairman, and Wyman C. Fickett, secretary and treasurer.

The results of the method adopted last year for the supervision of the schools were so satisfactory, that the same course was adopted this year, with equally good results. By this course each member of the visiting committee becomes personally familiar with the condition of each and all the schools, and consequently better able to judge accurately of the wants and conditions of the schools taken as a whole.

As last year, the secretary was appointed to purchase and distribute all text-books and school supplies, prepare examination papers, superintend the promotion of pupils, issue certificates under the law of 1888, and attend to the miscellaneous duties usually performed by a superintendent of schools. The secretary has also been at the town office a part of one afternoon of each week, while the schools were in session, for the purpose of meeting the teachers on school matters, receiving orders for school supplies, etc.

The usual statistics are here presented, showing the attendance and other facts relating to the general condition of the

schools. When allowance is made for the unusually large amount of sickness which has for the last two months affected the attendance of the schools, the results will appear as favorable as could be expected, and will show that East Bridgewater still holds an exceptionally high rank in this respect.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.						Per Cent. of Average Attendance for Year.
	SUMMER.		FALL.		WINTER.		
	Whole No.	Ave'ge attendance.	Whole No.	Ave'ge attendance.	Whole No.	Ave'ge attendance.	
High School	54	48	73	68	70	60	93.3
Centre Grammar	35	31	41	38	38	34	95.8
Centre Intermediate	33	29	33	30	30	23	92.3
West Intermediate	30	27	21	18	21	18	95.6
West Primary	38	32	43	37	38	36	94.8
North Primary	42	34	41	31	30	24	88.6
Elmwood Grammar	26	21	24	21	23	17	85.5
Elmwood Primary	44	39	42	29	36	26	89
Beaver Grammar	17	15	19	17	19	14	91.1
Beaver Primary	28	24	28	23	26	20	91
Northville	36	29	40	33	40	26	94
Eastville	19	16	21	15	18	11	90
Curtisville	14	12	13	11	12	8	89.8
Satucket	21	15	26	22	25	20	91.4
Total	437	372	465	393	426	337	91.6

Number of children in town between the ages of five and fifteen, as shown by the school census taken May 1, 1889, was	436
Decrease from last year,	2
Whole number of pupils of all ages enrolled on school registers,	518
Increase from last year,	4
Number over fifteen years,	40
Number under five years,	1
Number of pupils of school age attending,	466
Decrease from last year,	8
Average membership of schools for year,	399
Decrease from last year,	9
Average attendance for year,	371
Per cent. of average attendance,	91.6

Notwithstanding the favorable showing made in the above table and pleasing as the results are as a whole, yet in several instances a much better result was possible, and should have been obtained. The attendance in a few schools has been, at times, irregular and unsatisfactory, when by a more thoughtful and hearty co-operation on the part of parents, this evil would have been, if not entirely avoided, materially diminished.

While the committee feel that they can heartily congratulate the town upon the general prosperity of the schools, and feel confident that they note a gradual improvement in methods of teaching and discipline, and are happy to witness the harmony which has prevailed between parents, teachers and pupils, and rejoice that there is so little friction in school affairs that scarcely a complaint has reached the committee, yet they do not wish to be understood as expressing *unqualified* approval of *all* the methods used, or results obtained. There is still ample room for improvement, and the realization of this fact,

by our best teachers, is one of the most hopeful indications for the future. Thus while admitting that our schools are not *ideal* ones, it is with great pleasure as well as confidence that the committee can say that their general trend is in the right direction.

The evils resulting from truancy have, by the persistent efforts of teachers and truant officer, been reduced to a minimum, and if the co-operation of parents could, in all cases, be secured, this trouble could be entirely obliterated.

CHANGE OF TEACHERS.

Several of the schools have suffered much during the past year from the frequent change of teachers. Fifteen teachers are required for the schools as now organized, while twenty-two different names appear upon our rolls. The most of the changes were caused by resignations—greater inducements being offered elsewhere. It is useless to expect the best results in schools where these frequent changes occur, even if each succeeding teacher is better qualified or more skillful than her predecessor ; the great evil being in the change itself. As has been suggested in former reports, "The only remedy for this evil is larger appropriations for school purposes." While it is not expected that this town can compete with larger and wealthier communities in regard to salaries, yet it is true that with a small addition to the sum now raised, several teachers whom we could not afford to lose might have been retained.

MUSIC.

The committee again urge upon the town the importance of providing for the teaching of music in all the schools. The experience of towns in which singing is regularly and properly

taught shows that as satisfactory results can be obtained in this department of education as in any other.

There is not one pupil in fifty who cannot learn to sing if the proper opportunities are afforded. The study of music should be begun in the Primary schools and taught with the same thoroughness as reading or numbers. The committee earnestly recommend that a sufficiently large appropriation be made to employ a suitable person to give at least one music lesson in each of the Primary, Intermediate, and Grammar schools, as often as once in two weeks for the ensuing year. The regular teacher could then carry on the work under the general supervision of the music teacher, as is the custom in other towns.

EXAMINATION OF THE SCHOOLS BY MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Since the writing of the last report, Mr. George H. Martin, Agent of the State Board of Education, has, in his official capacity, visited and examined each of the schools in town and compared the results obtained with those of a similiar examination held six years ago. At the conclusion of these visits the teachers were called together, and were addressed by Mr. Martin on the results of his observations in the different schools.

He made many valuable suggestions in regard to improved methods of teaching, and other matters upon which he is a recognized authority. It will be gratifying to all to know that Mr. Martin found the condition of the schools, as a whole, decidedly in advance of that at the time of his former examination.

Mr. H. T. Bailey, another Agent of the Board, who devotes all his time to the subject of drawing, also visited several of the schools and afterwards gave before all the teachers a

valuable address upon the best method of teaching this much neglected study.

The committee are happy to say that they have observed, in many respects, an improvement in the work and methods of the schools traceable directly to the suggestions and friendly criticisms of these two educational experts.

Teachers' meetings have also been held in which matters pertaining to school government, methods of teaching, etc., have been freely discussed. These meetings, chiefly intended for friendly suggestions and mutual help, rather than for criticism (except incidentally), have been of much help to the teachers, and it is the intention of the committee to hold similar ones at stated times hereafter.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The Principal of this school for the year 1888-9, Mr. J. A. Coolidge, resigned the position in June last, and Mr. H. H. Williams, a teacher of experience and ability, was elected to the vacant position.

The school is now in good condition, and doing satisfactory work. The pupils exhibit an excellent spirit and co-operate heartily with the teachers and committee in all efforts to raise the standard and to increase the usefulness and efficiency of the school.

By an entertainment given under the auspices of the pupils in March last, upwards of fifty dollars were realized for the benefit of the school library.

The following table shows the number of pupils in the school at present, and the number pursuing each course of study.

	Number in each Class.	Number in 4 Years Course.	Number in 3 Years Course.	Number in 2 Years Course.
Seniors	6	6		
Sub-Seniors	13	8	5	
Ex-Juniors	18	4	13	1
Junior	31	20	10	1
Totals	68	38	28	2

List of Graduates, June 28, 1889.

Four years English and Latin course :—

Lyman R. Allen,
Edward W. Fickett,
Eva Louise Griffin,
Louise M. Keith,
Charlotte J. Newton,
Louise Richards,
Clara E. White.

Three years English course :—

George M. Webber,
Nellie G. Crowley,
Bridget E. Foley,
Kate A. Luddy.

CONDITION OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

The generous appropriation made by the unanimous vote of the town for repairs upon the High School building, and the houses at Elmwood and Eastville, was very gratifying to the committee, as it has enabled them to put the houses for which the money was raised in excellent condition, thus greatly enhancing the comfort and convenience of the pupils. The educational influence of a neat, cheerful, and well-furnished school room is, of itself, of great value, and we confidently expect more and better work in the schools thus benefited, than was formerly obtained.

HIGH SCHOOL HOUSE,

This building has been thoroughly repaired, in accordance with the suggestions made in the last annual report. New and substantial floors have been laid in the main rooms and in the halls of this building, rendering the house much warmer and more comfortable than formerly, and that, too, with an expenditure of much less coal than has been previously used. The desks and chairs which were removed, preparatory to re-laying the floors, were found to be in such a dilapidated condition that many of them were entirely unfit for further use. The best of them, however, were selected from both rooms, and re-set in the grammar school room. The committee were thus compelled to procure new seats and desks for the High school room, and after a careful examination of various styles, that made by the Grand Rapids School Furniture Co. was selected as more nearly meeting our wants than any other that could be procured at a reasonable price. The room, as now fitted up, is a credit to the town, and, as far as can be anticipated, affords all the accommodation that will be required in this room for several years to come. The site of this building is, in all important respects, a most excellent one, no other schoolhouse in town being so favorably situated in regard to sanitary conditions. The drainage, in consequence of its elevated situation and the porous character of the soil, is, or can easily be made, perfect; and with ordinary care neither diphtheria nor any similar disease will be generated about these premises. Thus the essentials of a model site for school purposes, such as good circulation of air, light, perfect drainage and seclusion from the noise of the street, are all here, but the appearance of the grounds is uninviting, and during the hot weather very disagreeable. The open space on the north and the west sides of the house consists of a tract of loose sand and gravel, totally unfit for a play ground for the 140 pupils attending the several

schools in this building. A small annual appropriation, judiciously expended in grading and in otherwise improving these grounds, would soon render this one of the pleasantest as well as the most healthful situations in the county. The pupils in this building can be relied upon to supplement any aid that the town may see fit to give in the line of this much needed improvement. Fifty dollars a year, for five years, together with the labor that the pupils would willingly perform, would be sufficient to put the grounds in excellent condition.

ELMWOOD.

Extensive and thorough repairs have been made on the schoolhouse in this village. The ceiling of the large room was lowered about three feet, the whole room re-plastered, blackboards enlarged and improved, ventilation secured, etc. The Primary room was improved by laying a new floor, painting, tinting the walls, and by other minor changes. A new fence was also built around the schoolhouse lot.

EASTVILLE.

Upon a careful examination of the condition of this house it was found necessary to re-shingle both sides of the roof instead of one, as was anticipated, and to re-plaster the whole interior. If some means could be devised by which this house could be supplied with water suitable for drinking purposes, it would be a great convenience.

NORTHVILLE.

But one of the schoolhouses is now occupied for school purposes, the number of pupils attending not being large enough to justify the expense of two separate schools. The house which is occupied is not, in all respects, as convenient or well adapted to school purposes as could be desired, yet, with a few

minor repairs, it will answer reasonably well for several years to come.

NORTH PRIMARY.

It is with regret that the committee are obliged to reiterate the complaints made in former reports concerning the injury done to this house by outside parties. In the committee's report for 1887–8, it was said that: "Particularly during the summer vacation, the exterior of this house is defaced, doors and windows broken, and other acts of vandalism committed, which deserve the severest penalties of the law." Aside from repairing the annual damages done by these unknown marauders, no appropriation will be needed for this house for several years. The fence around these premises, however, must be rebuilt the present year, and an appropriation of $40 for that purpose is suggested. All the remaining school-houses are in excellent condition, and will require only incidental repairs during the present year.

In the opinion of the committee, the following sums will be necessary for the support of schools and for other purposes for the ensuing year:

For support of schools,	$5,900 00
Text-books and school supplies,	400 00
Incidentals,	250 00
General repairs,	100 00
Salary of music teacher,	250 00
Improvement on High School grounds,	50 00
Fence at North Primary,	40 00

GEORGE HUNT,
LEONARD SELEE,
WYMAN C. FICKETT,
School Committee.

East Bridgewater, Feb. 1, 1890.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Appropriation,	$5,800 00
Received of State Treasurer,	167 67
Received of County Treasurer,	412 63
Amount available,	$6,380 30

EXPENDITURES.

Teaching.

J. A. Coolidge, High School,	$600 00
Henry H. Williams, High School,	400 00
Florence M. Cross, High School,	450 00
Susan A. Bullard, Centre Grammar,	360 00
Lizzie L. Savery, Centre Intermediate,	324 00
Mary A. Mayo, Beaver and Elmwood,	249 00
Nellie C. Wade, Beaver Primary,	91 00
Julia Mansfield, West Intermediate,	324 00
Abbie B. Wade, West Primary,	288 00
Eva E. Pickering, Elmwood Grammar,	300 00
Jennie T. Donohue, Elmwood Primary,	220 00
Ann W. Harden, Satucket,	303 00
Kate M. Fisher, Curtisville,	63 00
Hattie M. Bates, Curtisville,	243 00
Mrs. H. B. Meservey, Eastville,	168 00
Emma Putney, Eastville,	135 00
Mrs. E. M. Murphy, Northville,	360 00
Grace L. Cook, North Primary,	288 00

Gertrude S. Howland, Elmwood Primary,	$110 00
Lizzie P. Howard, Beaver Grammar,	135 00
Lizzie C. Paul, Elmwood Primary,	30 00
Agnes K. Littlefield, Beaver Primary,	195 50
Town of Whitman, tuition Wood children,	18 00
W. C. Fickett, High School,	5 00
Total,	$5,659 50

FUEL.

Eleazer Whitman, wood,	$4 00
W. C. Fickett, paid for shavings,	80
John Desmond, sawing wood,	2 50
Reuben Harden, "	2 00
H. B. Meservey, shavings,	60
A. L. Alger, coal,	328 25
Elmer Whitman, preparing kindlings,	1 00
W. O. Vinton, " "	2 00
A. H. Latham, wood,	1 75
J. D. Jones, wood, etc.,	24 25
	$367 15

CARE OF HOUSES.

Clara A. McKenzie, Northville, cleaning,	$4 00
Mrs. E. M. Murphy, Northville, care,	6 25
Jean A. Cole, Northville, care,	4 00
Mrs. Lyman Shaw, Eastville, cleaning,	3 00
Prescott H. Washburn, Eastville, care,	9 25
Ann W. Harden, Satucket, care	7 00
Mrs. Saml. Harris, " cleaning,	4 60
Mrs. Robert Wade, " "	3 00
Lizzie Sumner, " "	3 00

James Timmons, High School house,	$115 95
Frank L. Poole, Elmwood, care,	5 37
Mrs. Cunningham, " cleaning,	7 00
Lysander Washburn, " care,	6 00
Wilfred Jones, Elmwood, care (1888-9),	8 00
Mrs. Daniel Geary, North Primary, care and cleaning,	13 50
Lester Harden, Curtisville, (1888-9) care,	10 00
Willie Adams, Curtisville, care,	3 00
Julia Mansfield, West Intermediate, care and cleaning,	13 00
Abby B. Wade, West Primary, care and cleaning,	13 00
E. L. Reed, Beaver, care (1888-9,)	8 00
Alice Whitman, Beaver, care,	9 00
Nellie C. Wade, Beaver, care,	1 00
Agnes K. Littlefield, Beaver, care,	7 00
Total,	$262 93

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for teaching,	$5,659 50
" " fuel,	367 15
" " care of houses,	262 93
Total,	$6,289 58
Amount available,	6,380 30
Unexpended,	$90 72

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

J. L. Hammett,	$167 02
Harper & Brothers,	51 57
Educational Supply Co.,	9 65
Harrison Hume,	11 93
Boston School Supply Co.,	5 38

F. M. Ambrose,	$15 00
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.,	4 40
A. S. Barnes & Co.,	18 63
Ginn & Co.,	29 83
D. Appleton & Co.,	5 00
Effingham, Maynard & Co.,	16 80
Carl Schoenhof,	7 84
Willard Small,	3 00
William Ware & Co.,	9 25
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	2 40
George R. Richter,	8 15
Total,	$365 85
Appropriation,	400 00
Unexpended,	$34 15

GENERAL REPAIRS.

M. S. Curtis, repairs on black-boards,	$8 19
E. M. Murphy, cash paid, Northville,	2 44
Irving Horton, repairs on High School building,	5 00
Geo. A. Wright, " " " "	8 92
Ezra F. Sampson, repairs, Curtisville,	2 25
John M. Whiting, repairs (several houses),	11 00
Keith & Jenkins, lumber,	8 09
S. L. Seaver, repairs,	12 26
S. L. Seaver, double windows, Elmwood,	20 25
Total,	$78 40
Appropriation,	100 00
Unexpended,	$21 60

INCIDENTALS.

Edmund Reed, labor, cash for sundries, etc.,	$5 38
E. M. Murphy, cash paid, Northville,	90
Reuben Harden, labor, sundries, etc.,	2 12
Howard & Clark, chairs,	3 50
E. L. Clark, labor,	3 00
W. A. Bowles, repairs on organs,	4 50
Wilfred Jones, setting glass, Elmwood,	50
W. C. Fickett, school census,	20 00
L. J. Voigt, filling diplomas,	2 75
Fred C. Nutter, sundries,	21 67
Carver Cotton Gin Co.,	40
Samuel J. Hoyt, labor, Elmwood,	2 00
L. F. Gammons, estate of,	37 70
Ezra F. Sampson, labor. Curtisville,	2 50
H. H. Williams, electric bells, etc.,	5 00
Alger Express,	17 75
H. A. Graves, labor,	10 65
O. C. Railroad, freight,	40 04
S. L. Seaver, labor and sundries,	7 25
Frank Smith, chemicals,	3 50
Jarvis Burrell, printing, etc.,	15 50
W. C. Fickett, cash paid, stationery, postage, etc.,	3 63
W. C. Fickett, telephone and telegraph charges,	2 65
Total,	$212 89
Appropriation,	250 00
Unexpended,	$37 11

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

REPAIRS ON HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

Paid S. L. Seaver for lumber, nails, labor, etc.,	$232 62
M. S. Curtis, labor and stock,	40 18
Grand Rapids School Furniture Co., for chairs and desks,	222 31
Total cost,	$495 11
Appropriation,	250 00
Excess of expenditure,	$245 11

REPAIRS AT ELMWOOD.

Paid S. L. Seaver for lumber, other material, and labor,	$164 85
John M. Whiting, mason work and material,	60 75
M. S. Curtis, stock and labor,	38 00
Total cost,	$263 60
Appropriation,	250 00
Excess of expenditures,	$13 60

REPAIRS AT EASTVILLE.

Paid S. L. Seaver for labor, shingles, and other materials,	$67 69
John M. Whiting, mason work and material,	53 50
M. S. Curtis, stock and labor,	19 54
Total Cost,	$140 73
Appropriation,	100 00
Excess of expenditures,	$40 73

SUMMARY.

Amount paid—	
For Teaching,	$5,659 50
Fuel,	367 50
Care of houses,	262 93
Text-books and school supplies,	365 85
General repairs,	78 40
Incidentals,	212 89
Repairing and re-seating High School building,	495 11
Repairs at Elmwood,	263 60
Repairs at Eastville,	140 73
Total	$7,846 16
" amount available,	7,735 30
Excess of expenditures,	$110 86

W. C. FICKETT,

Treasurer of School Committee.

EAST BRIDGEWATER,
Feb. 1, 1890.